

Chorus: (str. 1)     *Mountain-dwelling Demeter*  
*goddess of grain-bearing earth*  
*longed for her daughter Persephone,*  
*abducted down to Hades.*  
*She searched through wooded glens*  
*and by the rushing streams*  
*and down along the shore.*

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*A mother deep in pain*  
*tried to find her daughter,*  
(ant. 1)     *The great goddess despaired.*  
*She hurled herself in grief*  
*onto the frozen rocks,*  
*then turned the green fields to waste,*  
*killed all growth and harvest,*  
*making the world into winter,*  
*threatening the human race.*

*All feasting stopped*  
*both for men and gods.*

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(epode)     *Zeus tried to melt*  
*Demeter's frozen anger.*  
*He sent the Graces to her*  
*who soften hearts of stone,*  
*sent the blessed Muses*  
*who play and sing and dance,*  
*sent lovely Aphrodite*  
*and wild Dionysus*

*who leaps when the moon is full.*

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*And Zeus sent back from Hades*

*the daughter of Demeter*

*spring-like Persephone,*

*but only half the year.*