

## *Orpheus and Eurydice* retold by Olivia Coolidge

### Vocabulary

1. Nymphs – female deities which live to be about 100 years of age; found in woods, waters and more natural surroundings.
2. Eurydice – a nymph who marries Orpheus
3. Inconsolable – difficult to console or comfort
4. Lyre – ancient stringed instrument like a small harp
5. Styx – the river that separates the land of living and that of the dead
6. Cerberus – three headed dog that guards the underworld
7. Elysium – Elysian Fields and land of the mortal heroes
8. Sisyphus – a cruel king of Corinth condemned to push a rock up a hill and will roll back down; he tried to out-smart Zeus.
9. Tantalus – another cruel king punished to stand in water with fruit above him that would rise up as he reached and water that would disappear when he tried to drink; he had killed his own son
10. Gunwales – upper edge of the side of a vessel
11. Ascended – to move up; rise
12. Dionysus – the god of wine
13. Contempt – to have disdain; dislike