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by Joe R. Christopher

O Harmony, sweet Harmony,  
    thou mortal daughter of Aphrodite,  
married to Cadmus in parity,  
    so Thebes felt happiness most rightly;

thou lived that life most fully, and died,  
    as mortals do on span of years;  
then, in the Elysian Fields, did 'bide,  
    bringing contentment to thy compeers;

and next thy turn to drink of Lethe,  
    and be reborn upon this Earth—  
again and again, this cycle deathly,  
    from birth until another birth.

Never thy fault that life's not lasting,  
    that joy on Earth with hate's competing,  
that pain with pleasure is contrasting,  
    that harmony is always fleeting.