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Regret—Goddess, sing the regret of long-dead Achilles,
slain, condemned to a fate decided by gods,
damned to Persephone's asphodel fields
to drift for eternity, mingling with a host
of faceless shades. For now that his rage
has cooled in these pallor fields, he lifts his eyes
to the firmament of Hades and, in sound mind,
discovers too late the death of a forgotten old man
is a far, far better end than the death
of a bloodied and murd'rous youth
doomed to eternal heroism in the annals of history.
Asphodel means my regrets follow you to the grave.