

for her mother. Then the man said: "Do not be frightened; I shall not harm you. I am King Pluto. I live in a beautiful castle. All the gold and silver and diamonds in the earth are mine."

Proserpina still cried for her mother, but Pluto took her and placed her in the chariot.

Pluto now urged on his horses. The chariot passed Ceres, who was working in a field. Proserpina cried for her mother. Ceres heard but could not see her.

The road grew darker and darker. At last they reached Pluto's castle. The walls were made of fine gold; the windows were made of crystal; the lamps were sparkling diamonds.

But Proserpina was very sad in Pluto's castle. She would eat nothing, for she knew that if she did, she could never see her mother again.

When Ceres heard her little girl cry out, she looked all around, but could not see her.

She went to the sea nymphs and asked for her child. They said, "She went into the fields." Then Ceres lighted a torch and searched for her.