

## Orpheus CBRT Script

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- 1: How would my little grandkids like a story?  
2,3: We're not little anymore.  
4: We soo do not like stories anymore!  
5: But you used to love Grandpa's stories!  
2,3,4: (sound effect) What? We were too busy texting each other.  
1: Well, have you heard the story about Hercu-...  
2: Yes, we've heard the story of Hercules. (gesture)  
3: Probably 100 times by now!  
4: It got old, like, after the 5th time. (gesture)  
1: What about Poseidon?  
4: Yeah, he's the dude with the trident. (sound effect)  
5: Oh, have you kids heard the story of Orpheus?  
1: I love telling that story!  
2: Orpha-who?  
1,5: Orpheus! (gesture)  
4: Whatever. (sound effect) (gesture)  
1: So you haven't heard it?  
2,3: No, so just get it over with.  
5: A long time ago...  
4: Ugh, all the worst stories start with that.  
1: Anyway, to continue...  
5: There was once a man named Orpheus..  
1: ...Who was a wonderful musician and played a golden lyre.  
2: What's a lyre?  
3: It's a person who doesn't tell the truth.  
5: It's a musical instrument like a harp.  
1: Anyway, all the people, animals, and things followed him because of his beautiful music.  
5: Orpheus noticed there was always a young girl named Eurydice following him.
- 4: And like all stories, they fell in love and got married.  
1: You're right, but it doesn't end there.  
5: After their marriage, Orpheus only  
1: He goes back through Tartarus...  
5: and hears footsteps behind him.  
1: As he is crossing the river to finally get back home, he hears a splash behind him.  
5: He doesn't look back though,  
1: Because he remembers his promise to Hades  
3: Wait, you mean..  
2: ...the entire time he didn't know  
3: ...if she was behind him?  
4: So, Hades could've like, tricked him?  
1,5: Yes  
5: Right before he reaches home,  
1: Out of burning curiosity, he turns back and looks.  
2: What happens?  
5: Because he doesn't keep his promise, Eurydice melts.  
3: That's it?  
2: No happy ending?  
4: I was actually getting into it.  
All: So you finally admitted it?  
4: I guess so.  
1: How about another story?  
occasionally played his lyre.  
1: People got suspicious-  
3: Did they look for him?  
5: Well, sort of, but they wanted to find out who his wife was.  
1: Rumors were spread and soon Apollo's son was sent to slay Eurydice, aka the evil witch.(gesture)  
5: he accidentally chased her into a nest of venomous snakes.  
2: Did she die?  
4: No, duh! (gesture)  
5: Yes, and before Orpheus could find her, Hades sent Hermes to take-

1:	To take her soul to the land of the dead! (sound effect) (gesture)	5:	and finally meets Hades, the ruler of the dead.
4:	(sarcastically) Ooh, scary. (gesture)	1:	No, it's the ruler of the underworld
5:	Orpheus is then determined to go to Tartarus ..	5:	Dead!
1:	to find his beloved wife.	1:	Underworld!
5:	He enchants all the guards of Tartarus with his golden lyre...	4:	Can you guys like, get on with the story?
1:	And they let him through	5:	(gesture) Oh, so you do care?
3:	What kind of guards were there?	4:	Whatever.
1:	Many, but the scariest was a 3-headed dog, Cerberus!	2,3:	Hurry up already!
2:	Like Fluffy, in Harry Potter	5:	He plays his gold lyre for Hades and finally
5:	Exactly. (gesture)	1:	Makes a deal with Hades that he can have Eurydice back as long as...
1:	Orpheus walks through Tartarus..	5:	He never looks back!