

Hermes Psychopompos leading Persephone back from Hades

Athenian red-figure krater, ca. 450 BC

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As Persephone climbs up to the ground level, she greets Hecate (not shown).

Hermes has all trappings of his iconograph: petasus, caduceus, talaria (?) are not shown.

His role as *psychopompos* here is reflected also in the Homeric Hymn to Demeter, where, having delivered Zeus' message from Olympus, Hermes drives escorts Persephone in Hades' chariot back to the world of the living.

