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### Poem by Diane Martin



### Classic Relief

Griffins holding up a lyre.  
Themselves supported by leaves.  
Punctuated, stamped with flowers.  
Reassuring, static swirls.

Embossed, embedded arabesques.

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In shadows of white, light flooded  
above my head. An Easter egg's  
shape, spread flat like maps. Molded,

solid ceiling, an upended  
anchor from which dangle flights  
unfancy. Iron, stern appendages.  
And tires, exhaust, churn the brown snow.

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