

# MIND TO MIND

*Creative writing that explores the abstract side  
of our profession and our lives*

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## Father and Daughter: Rites of Passage

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**B**BABLES morph into meaningful words  
Awkward steps holding his hand, for support and comfort, evolve  
into graceful posture and perfected balance  
Read-a-Long books at bedtime launch a fervor for independent  
novels  
She is in her world....no longer needing a father's guidance  
Rites of passage.....

Driving lessons, college essays, a wedding  
The girl morphs into a beautiful woman  
Her sweet voice, big wide eyes, and witty humor carry her far  
Medical school and residency polish the calling to care for mankind  
into a practicing physician  
She is in her world....no longer needing a father's guidance  
Rites of passage.....

In the mornings, he sees her in Pre-op  
Now she holds her patients' hands....providing support and  
comfort  
In the OR, she manages assignments with confidence and ease  
Patients and colleagues alike respect her and admire her.  
She has entered his world now....no longer needing a father's  
guidance  
Rites of passage.....

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