

# MIND TO MIND

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In many larger settlements  
is found a temple, monolithic  
where priests and acolytes do pray,  
amass'd behind magnetic locks  
in monochrome (but never red)  
for enigmatic sorcery  
On willing supplicants;  
Only the frail, alone unmasked  
present themselves to be exposed,  
their hidden depths revealed to all  
in blinding light, by knife and saw  
with hope of purging ill within;  
Just wisps of smoke and char remain  
from electrical excision;  
No cry escapes enfolding hush,  
and speak they not of secrets dark  
nor of a death in pain...

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