

# MIND TO MIND

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

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## **Adverbs of the Heart**

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Tucked in a pocket  
torn into flesh  
surgically

a box is conducting  
my life's pace  
rhythmically

I could hack into that  
my son says  
hypothetically

speed it up, slow it down  
even stop it  
whimsically

lucky you love me  
then, I say  
optimistically

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