

# The Mirror of the World

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Every particle of the world is a mirror,  
In each atom lies the blazing light  
of a thousand suns.  
Cleave the heart of a raindrop,  
a hundred pure oceans will flow forth.  
Look closely at a grain of sand,  
The seed of a thousand beings can be seen.  
The foot of an ant is larger than an elephant;  
In essence, a drop of water  
is no different than the Nile.  
In the heart of a barely-corn  
lies the fruit of a hundred harvests;  
Within the pulp of a millet seed  
an entire universe can be found.  
In the wing of a fly, an ocean of wonder;  
In the pupil of the eye, an endless heaven.  
Though the inner chamber of the heart is small,  
the Lord of both worlds  
gladly makes his home there.



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