

Theme

Mirror mind

Turn around the light to shine within, then just return.

Shitou Xiqian

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When water is clear it sparkles
you can see the bottom without effort
when your mind doesn't have a goal
no circumstance can distract you
once your mind doesn't chase illusions
even a kalpa holds no changes
if you can be so aware
from such awareness nothing hides

Han Shan

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