



Rhythms  
of my Mind

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*a collection of poems and writings*

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Swirls of blue and white around are twinkling lights of gold  
Thick and thin around they spin,  
All the while in a trance, they entice and draw you in

Around and round, what place is this?  
My home, perhaps? A place to rest?  
I feel at one, I swirl, I spin  
in white and gold its quiet within

And so it shows the artists soul  
With great delight he gave to those  
who see themselves in swirls of blue, and white and gold...

Though dark, there's light  
it shines so bright  
Though bright, its dark  
It is the night, the starry night

# Woman

Step aside my dear  
Walk behind  
Primp your hair  
Put on a smile and perform

Hide your face  
Paint your eyes  
paint your lips  
dye your hair

Do not speak unless spoken to  
and don't forget the sugar and lace...