## TOLARENAI Poem 04 Hands in the Void

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In the void, I found my hands—
not as flesh, but as vow.
I said "Flex,"
and the dream said "Now."

Laughter circled like electrons' path, a test, a gate, a mirror's wrath.

But I did not flinch, nor raise a blade—
I placed my hand, as Buddha bade.

The world bent soft, then opened wide, and thought became the way I'd ride.

Through wall, through sky, through silence deep, I passed unseen where matter sleeps.

A square arrived with wings unseen, a silent guide from the in-between.

But love held fast to waking vows—

Some doors are for later. Not for now.

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