

Mysterious Pearly Mirror of the Mind
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Attainment of the Prime of the One
Is not a gift from Heaven.
Realization of the Great Nonbeing
Is the state of highest immortality.

Light restrained, a hidden brilliance,
The body one with nature:
There is true peace, won but not pursued.
Spirit kept forever at rest.

In serenity and beauty: this is perfection!
Body and inner nature, hard and soft,
All is but cinnabar vapor, azure barrens.
One of the highest sages—

Only after a hundred years
The tomb is discovered empty.