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In many larger settlements
is found a temple, monolithic
where priests and acolytes do pray,
amass'd behind magnetic locks
in monochrome (but never red)
for enigmatic sorcery
On willing supplicants;
Only the frail, alone unmasked
present themselves to be exposed,
their hidden depths revealed to all
in blinding light, by knife and saw
with hope of purging ill within;
Just wisps of smoke and char remain
from electrical excision;
No cry escapes enfolding hush,
and speak they not of secrets dark
nor of a death in pain...

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