MIND TO MIND

Creative writing that explores the abstract side of our profession and our lives

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Look there. The sun is rising over a path by a winding river. Green shades vibrate by crystal blue sky where an egret flies perfectly. It is white, a release from God. The pillars of the bridge catch the last moon glow and I see myself ascending fern-lined banks like an astronaut who landed on Earth by mistake. Surprised. I do not know if it is white where I am going. But it is white now. One aide hoists me up in a basket,

My feet dangle, foolish, clawed, yellowed.

No one notices the tan-line above the sole

One changes sheets. one brings pills.

of the running shoes I used to wear.

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