

Guru's Kindness

There are so many differing phenomena
Without, within and all throughout samsara and beyond
And with each and every one of these what you must realize
They neither from self, from other nor both, nor without a cause arise
Since these do not arise at all in any of these ways
There's no arising at all for them, like the moon on the water's face

In genuine reality arising and the rest
Are quite beyond conceptual fabrication at its best
So these are mere appearances which do exist it seems
But only in a relative way as interdependencies
They're indivisible void-appearance like reflected forms
And even certainty gained in this from the guru's kindness comes

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