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WITHIN THE TEMPLE

By THOMAS MacDONAGH

The middle of the things I know
Is the unknown, and circling it
Life's truth and life's illusion show
Things in the terms of sense and wit.

Bounded by knowledge thus, unbound,
Within the temple thus, alone,
Clear of the circle set around,
I know not, being with the unknown;

But images my memories use
Of sense, and terms of wit employ,
Lest in the known the unknown lose
The secret tidings of my joy.