## **Mouthful of Precious Stones**

**The Red Chord** 

Fed through the teeth machine. Row after row of dysmorphic minerals. All the things that I have seen, drowning in my reflection. Bleed from sores that reach out to everyone in the room. Touched by sepsis, cradled in a mountain of bone. I pretend not to notice that we belong in the same room. We touch the same door handle and drink from the same fountain. I'm repulsed. Sickening drive to cultivate loathing. I dishonest nod and grin as we pass in the streets. Eater! Nashing pit full of bracing. Tangled in a tortured sickness. Search your soul. Unlock the treatures. Crossing through those pearly gates that exit to that special place. We belong in the same room. Smiling in my reflection. Bound tight by nerve endings and veins; Wound just like nooses. To dissuade my confusion. We touch the same door handles and drink from the same fountain. I am repulsed by this mouthful of precious stones.