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I have built my temple — wall and face —
Outside the idea of space,
Complex — built as a full-rigged ship;
I made its walls of my fears,
Its turrets many of weird thoughts and tears —
And that strange temple thus unfurled
Like a death's-head flag, that like a whip
Stinging around my soul is curled,
Is far more real than the world.

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