**The Bridge**

from Old World to new,
exile to community,
blind faith to reason,

darkness into light,
mind-control to freethought,
shameful to shameless,

enmity to amity,
dissonance to harmony,
discord to concord,

sin to innocence,
from cold shoulders to warm hugs,
penitence to peace

—recovering self
from the wounds of religion
with help from new friends




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