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## Gardens of Colours

*A Dreamscape*  
 The Cuconile Garden

It is nothing but a dream.

But it means everything to me.

The scenery is beautiful and calm. I am feeling so happy! I am in a garden. I see the water like a mirror, and slight slopes toward it filled with the round shapes, fringes and frills of ornamental cabbage, grey and purple. Lots of plants. I hear the enthusiastic voices of two ladies, "oh, it's so cuconile!"

I am feeling serene. There is a big mystery right around me, and I'm beginning to understand, but then – I wake up. My body has not left this world, but my mind is still longing for the mystery, the dawn of mind.

So come and sit down, you have run enough, time to rest. No hurry here.

Relax and sink into your mind as if you saw the first day of your life right in front of you in the landscape of man. Life is breath, your breath is your life.

Sink into the colours of the garden.

The main part is purple/violet. Purple being, according to the mystics of the Middle Ages, the colour of profound mystery, composed of red (world of the body) and blue (celestial world and world of spirits). Or, purple composed of red (passion and joy of life) and blue (dream-world, calm, meditation) as a symbol of transition to the invisible. A deep sea of purple for deep introversion and meditation. The colour of the rising sun just scaring away the darkness of night. Dawn is rising.

The orange seems to be floating above the purple. The new day is approaching, the colour becomes lighter.

Orange is joyful and warm. Buddhists see orange as the colour of enlightenment.

What a great reward to be enlightened! But it won't happen in a minute nor an hour.

At least, you will be joyful when looking at the orange flowers dancing on the horizon.

Around the sea of purple, you can walk on white gravel and sit down on a red cushion. You may wonder about the strange shapes of some other plants, not really colourful, just shadows around the dawn of mind, as you are.



IMPRESSION

RED CUSHION NET FOR SHADE

THE DAWN THE PURPLE SEA

MIRROR GLASS SHEPDMOZAÏQUE

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