

are overcome with a vivid hallucination: you see your patient whole and happy, full of humanity, making good choices, proud of him, herself, an inspiration to others, kind and generous, and full of good spirit and laughter.

Through the haze of illness and despair, confusion and self-doubt, your patient sees and hears your hallucination and he/she thinks aloud – THIS HEALER IS Madder than I have ever been!

But, gradually, slowly, the patient comes to believe in the doctor's hallucination and they are mad together. We call it folie-a-deux, a madness of two. And healing comes.¹⁴

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