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### **21st Century Chinese Poetry, Combined Nos.**

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The deepest and most varied of the Tang Dynasty poets, Tu Fu (Du Fu) is, in the words of David Hinton, the “first complete poetic sensibility in Chinese literature.” Tu Fu merged the public and the private, often in the same poem,

as his subjects ranged from the horrors of war to the delights of friendship, from closely observed landscapes to remembered dreams, from the evocation of historical moments to a wry lament over his own thinning hair. Although Tu Fu has been translated often, and often brilliantly, David Hawkes’s classic study, first published in 1967, is the only book that demonstrates in depth how his poems were written. Hawkes presents thirty-five poems in the original Chinese,

with a pinyin transliteration, a character-by-character translation, and a commentary on the subject, the form, the historical background, and the individual lines. There is no other book quite like it for any language: a nuts-and-bolts account of how Chinese poems in general, and specifically the poems of one of the world’s greatest poets, are constructed. It’s an irresistible challenge for readers to invent their own translations.  
*The Heart of Chinese*

*Poetry* New York Review of Books  
Du Fu (杜甫, 712-770), also known as the Poet-sage (诗圣), was one of the most acclaimed Chinese poets from the Tang Dynasty (唐, 618-907). In the "Selected Chinese Poems of Du Fu" (杜甫诗选) book series, let's learn about some of the most famous ancient poems composed by Du Fu! Each book in the series contains 10 Chinese poems. These books will help you self-learn Mandarin Chinese language, culture, and history while appreciating

the Chinese poems. Each book comes with the poems written in simplified Chinese characters. Each poem is explained in the form of a dedicated essay. Further, detailed vocabulary with pinyin and English has been provided for each of the poems. All titles in the series are suitable for the beginner (HSK Level 1/2) students of Mandarin Chinese. Additional poems and resources for learning Mandarin Chinese is available on my personal blog ([www.ChinesePoems.net](http://www.ChinesePoems.net)).

Looking forward to your comments.  
[Chinese Poetry In English Verse](#) New Directions Publishing  
In this "guided" anthology, experts lead students through the major genres and eras of Chinese poetry from antiquity to the modern time. The volume is divided into 6 chronological sections and features more than 140 examples of the best shi, sao, fu, ci, and qu poems. A comprehensive introduction and extensive thematic table

of contents highlight the thematic, formal, and prosodic features of Chinese poetry, and each chapter is written by a scholar who specializes in a particular period or genre. Poems are presented in Chinese and English and are accompanied by a tone-marked romanized version, an explanation of Chinese linguistic and poetic conventions, and recommended reading strategies. Sound recordings of the poems are available online free of charge. These unique

features facilitate an intense engagement with Chinese poetical texts and help the reader derive aesthetic pleasure and insight from these works as one could from the original. The companion volume *How to Read Chinese Poetry Workbook* presents 100 famous poems (56 are new selections) in Chinese, English, and romanization, accompanied by prose translation, textual notes, commentaries, and recordings. Contributors: Robert Ashmore (Univ. of California, Berkeley);

Zong-qi Cai; Charles Egan (San Francisco State); Ronald Egan (Univ. of California, Santa Barbara); Grace Fong (McGill); David R. Knechtges (Univ. of Washington); Xinda Lian (Denison); Shuen-fu Lin (Univ. of Michigan); William H. Nienhauser Jr. (Univ. of Wisconsin); Maija Bell Samei; Jui-lung Su (National Univ. of Singapore); Wendy Swartz (Columbia); Xiaofei Tian (Harvard); Paula Varsano (Univ. of California, Berkeley); Fusheng Wu (Univ. of Utah)  
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([www.ChinesePoems.net](http://www.ChinesePoems.net)).  
Looking forward to your  
comments.

*Wild Geese Returning*  
Counterpath Press  
A new, bilingual collection

of poetry by a pioneering,  
multi-talented Chinese  
writer and photographer  
in a landmark English  
translation. “My poems  
are flecks of salt clinging  
ambivalently to a horse’s  
back,” Wang Yin writes.  
This is the first  
comprehensive collection  
of this important Chinese  
poet’s work to appear in  
English, translated by  
Andrea Lingenfelter.  
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arc of his career, from the  
early, surrealist, and Deep  
Image-influenced work of  
the 1980s, when he made  
his debut as a post-Misty

poet, through the turn toward the rawer, more immediate poetry of the nineties, and on to the existential and ineffable weavings of his more recent work. Wang's sensibility is both cosmopolitan and lyrical, and his poetry has a subtlety and beauty that contrasts with the often physically painful imagery with which he depicts psychological reality, a reality expressed as various states of mind struggling against the suppression of memory. Shanghai winters, a

winter in Katowice, a summer day with ghosts, blue shadows, petals in the darkness, an "empty lane lit up by moonlight"—the poems of this extraordinary volume illuminate the inner life as a singular encounter between physical and spiritual realms.

[Ancient Chinese Poems \(Part 1\) - Essential Book for Beginners \(Level 1\) to Self-learn Chinese Poetry with Simplified Characters, Easy Vocabulary Lessons, Pinyin & English, Understand Mandarin](#)

[Language, China's history & Traditional Culture](#) New York Review of Books  
An English edition of the thin textbook which teaches readers in an easy and simple way how to write classical Chinese poems for those who have interest in enjoying reading and/or writing classical Chinese poems but have difficulties to understand the explanation of the basic rules in Chinese.

**A Little Primer of Tu Fu**  
New York Review of Books  
First published in 1919 by Ezra Pound, Ernest

Fenollosa's essay on the Chinese written language has become one of the most often quoted statements in the history of American poetics. As edited by Pound, it presents a powerful conception of language that continues to shape our poetic and stylistic preferences: the idea that poems consist primarily of images; the idea that the sentence form with active verb mirrors relations of natural force. But previous editions of the essay represent Pound's understanding—it is fair to

say, his appropriation—of the text. Fenollosa's manuscripts, in the Beinecke Library of Yale University, allow us to see this essay in a different light, as a document of early, sustained cultural interchange between North America and East Asia. Pound's editing of the essay obscured two important features, here restored to view: Fenollosa's encounter with Tendai Buddhism and Buddhist ontology, and his concern with the dimension of sound in Chinese poetry. This book

is the definitive critical edition of Fenollosa's important work. After a substantial Introduction, the text as edited by Pound is presented, together with his notes and plates. At the heart of the edition is the first full publication of the essay as Fenollosa wrote it, accompanied by the many diagrams, characters, and notes Fenollosa (and Pound) scrawled on the verso pages. Pound's deletions, insertions, and alterations to Fenollosa's sometimes ornate prose are meticulously

captured, enabling readers to follow the quasi-dialogue between Fenollosa and his posthumous editor. Earlier drafts and related talks reveal the development of Fenollosa's ideas about culture, poetry, and translation. Copious multilingual annotation is an important feature of the edition. This masterfully edited book will be an essential resource for scholars and poets and a starting point for a renewed discussion of the multiple sources of American modernist

poetry.

### **The New Directions Anthology of Classical Chinese Poetry**

Columbia University Press  
The genre of poems that may be read both forward and backward, producing different creations was known as the "flight of wild geese." These poems were often sent so that a distant lover, like the migrating birds, would return. Its greatest practitioner, and the focus of this critical anthology, is Su Hui, a woman who, in the 4th Century, embroidered a silk for her

distant husband using a grid of 840 characters that created perhaps 12,000 ways to read this poem. With examples from the 3rd to the 19th centuries, Michele Metall describes reversible poems as "a singular adventure at the edge of meaning, of language, and of writing."  
U of Minnesota Press  
The Organization of Distance argues that the impression of Chineseness in Chinese poetry is a product of translation, simultaneously nativizing and foreignizing from



sources abroad and in the past.

### **A Summer Day in the Company of Ghosts**

Forgotten Books

A breathtaking introduction to Chinese multidirectional poems, told through the story of Su Hui, the greatest writer of these poems who embroidered a silk with 840 characters--equaling as many as 12,000 multidirectional poems--for her distant husband. For nearly two thousand years, the condensed language of classical Chinese has offered the

possibility of writing poems that may be read both forward and backward, producing entirely different creations. The genre was known as the “flight of wild geese,” and the poems were often symbolically or literally sent to a distant lover, in the hope that he or she, like the migrating birds, would return. Its greatest practitioner, and the focus of this critical anthology, is Su Hui, a woman who, in the fourth century, embroidered a silk for her distant husband

consisting of a grid of 840 characters. No one has ever fully explored all of its possibilities, but it is estimated that the poem—and the poems within the poem—may be read as many as twelve thousand ways. Su Hui herself said, “As it lingers aimlessly, twisting and turning, it takes on a pattern of its own. No one but my beloved can be sure of comprehending it.” With examples ranging from the third to the nineteenth centuries, Michèle Métail brings the scholarship of a Sinologist

and the playfulness of an avant-gardist to this unique collection of perhaps the most ancient of experimental poems.

The Chinese Written Character as a Medium for Poetry Chinese poems

Provides translations of more than two hundred-fifty poems by over forty poets, from early anonymous poetry through the T'ang and Sung dynasties.

*Wild Geese Returning*

New York Review of Books  
Qiu Xiaolong is extravagantly qualified for translating these poems,

having as a citizen of China won prizes for his own poetry and for translating T.S. Eliot and other English and American poets into Chinese and, more recently, as a citizen of the United States, won prizes for his own poetry and fiction in English. To my mind, the Changgan Song in this collection rivals Ezra Pound's justly famous, loosely translated version, *The River Merchant's Wife*. These renderings have a limpidity of the language and metaphor and a

subtle rhythm, and Qiu has a poet's sixth sense for when (occasionally) to lift the line with a less direct and more evocative word; we are thus rescued from the flatness of some translations of early Chinese poetry. This is a generous book and a very welcome addition to the poetry of love and longing from our Significant Stranger, the Chinese nation. --Mona Van Duyn.

**The Art of Chinese**

**Poetry** Chinese poems

The ancient Chinese regarded the written word as a transformative force

able to move heaven and earth and unite the reader with the source of all things, the Tao. The power of writing, especially poetry, is celebrated here in short texts that present both practical instruction and spiritual insight: • Lu Ji's essay in verse, "The Art of Writing," reveals the inner process every writer must go through in preparing for the creative act. • Sikong Tu's "Twenty-four Styles of Poetry" teaches that poets must perfect themselves internally in order to achieve

perfection in what they write. • "Poets' Jade Splinters" contains aphoristic prescriptions and humorous anecdotes about poetry, poets, and the rules of composition. Assorted commentaries and critical evaluations focus on Chinese lyrical poetry. Chinese Poems Fordham Univ Press  
Please visit <http://modernchinese poetry.com/> for sample poems. The quarterly journal of 21st Century Chinese Poetry was founded with the intention of introducing

modern Chinese poetry to readers worldwide. . The editor-and-translator team of 21st Century Chinese Poetry selects some of the best poems written in Chinese by today's poets from all geographical areas. This book combines Nos. 11 -15 of the journal and includes 131 poems by 18 poets.  
*Selected Chinese Poems of Li Bai (Part 2)- Poet-immortal, Essential Book for Beginners (HSK Level 1/2) to Self-learn Chinese Poetry with Simplified Characters, Easy Vocabulary Lessons,*

*Pinyin & English, Understand Mandarin Language, China's history & Trad Chinese poems*  
 Designed to work with the acclaimed course text *How to Read Chinese Poetry: A Guided Anthology*, the *How to Read Chinese Poetry Workbook* introduces classical Chinese to advanced beginners and learners at higher levels, teaching them how to appreciate Chinese poetry in its original form. Also a remarkable stand-alone resource, the volume illuminates China's major

poetic genres and themes through one hundred well-known, easy-to-recite works. Each of the volume's twenty units contains four to six classical poems in Chinese, English, and tone-marked pinyin romanization, with comprehensive vocabulary notes and prose poem translations in modern Chinese. Subsequent comprehension questions and comments focus on the artistic aspects of the poems, while exercises test readers' grasp of both

classical and modern Chinese words, phrases, and syntax. An extensive glossary cross-references classical and modern Chinese usage, characters and compounds, and multiple character meanings, and online sound recordings are provided for each poem and its prose translation free of charge. A list of literary issues addressed throughout completes the volume, along with phonetic transcriptions for entering-tone characters, which appear in Tang and Song-regulated shi poems

and lyric songs.  
Chinese Poems of Du Fu  
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The Organization of  
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The definitive collection of works by one of the Tang Dynasty's most eccentric (and badly-behaved)

poets, now back in print for the first time in decades. Li He is the bad-boy poet of the late Tang dynasty. He began writing at the age of seven and died at twenty-six from alcoholism or, according to a later commentator, “sexual dissipation,” or both. An obscure and unsuccessful relative of the imperial family, he would set out at dawn on horseback, pause, write a poem, and toss the paper away. A servant boy followed him to collect these scraps in a tapestry bag. Long considered far

too extravagant and weird for Chinese taste, Li He was virtually excluded from the poetic canon until the mid-twentieth century. Today, as the translator and scholar Anne M. Birrell, writes, “Of all the Tang poets, even of all Chinese poets, he best speaks for our disconcerting times.” Modern critics have compared him to Rimbaud, Baudelaire, Keats, and Trakl. The *Collected Poems of Li He* is the only comprehensive selection of his surviving work (most of his poems

were reputedly burned by his cousin after his death, for the honor of the family), rendered here in crystalline translations by the noted scholar J. D. Frodsham.

*How To Write Classical Chinese Poems - English*  
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About Translators  
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Ping Lu, was born in 1936, Shandong. He graduated from Shanghai International Studies University, poet, writer, painter, calligrapher and Qigong Master of Traditional Chinese Medicine, came to America in 1988, now lives in New Jersey. 1911  
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Cost, was born in 1911, Russia. After The Russian October Revolution, he

was forced to flee to China with his parents when he was 5 years old. He was a university graduate. He had studied in the UK, translator, reporter & poet. He had lived in China for 50 years, proficient in Chinese. He was a professor at Shanghai International Studies University. In 1986 Funded by The United Nations Refugee Agency, he was admitted to Australia, passed away in 1996. 1948年，他随父母逃往中国，当时他只有5岁。他是一名大学毕业生。他在英国学习，担任翻译、记者和诗人。他在中国生活了50年，精通中文。他是上海国际研究大学的一名教授。1986年，在联合国难民署的资助下，他被允许进入澳大利亚，并于1996年去世。

Paige Lewis, was born in 1948, America. She graduated from Columbia University, an editor, writer and co-published 42 novels with her husband Ryder Syvertsen. Now she lives in New York City. 1938年11月19日，安娜·王出生于香港。她毕业于美国宾夕法尼亚大学，曾在几家领先的律师事务所工作，曾任

President Nixon, former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance & former Mayor of New York, now lives in New Jersey. Treasury of Chinese Love Poems Createspace Independent Pub Lost in Reverie is a collection of original poems and prose poems by Chinese writer Deng Nan. These lyrical and melancholic pieces explore universal themes of love, longing, loss and memories. This bilingual edition has facing-page English translations of the original Chinese and is

sure to appeal to both Chinese and English readers.

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Modern Chinese poetry was born from the

broader intellectual movement that took place in China in the early part of the 20th century, known as the May-Fourth Movement (1917-1921); for the first time in history, vernacular Chinese was accepted as a legitimate poetic voice. Since then, nearly a century has passed by and this poetic experiment hasn't stopped evolving but only accelerated recently

because of the easy exchange of styles and ideas over cyberspace. This is an eye-opening, exciting and even confounding experience for both the poets and the readers. . The editor-and-translator team of 21st Century Chinese Poetry selects some of the best poems written in Chinese by today's poets from all geographical areas. This issue includes 28 poems by 8 poets.