

Classic Poetry Series

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Drinking Wine

Settle home in person place
But no cart horse noise
Ask gentleman how able so
Heart far place self partial
Pluck chrysanthemum east hedge down
Leisurely look south mountain
Mountain air day night beautiful
Fly birds together return
This here have clear meaning
Wish argue already neglect speech

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Returning to Live in the South (I)

Little not fit common charm
Nature basic love mound hill
Mistake fall world net in
Thus went ten three years
Cage bird long for old forest
Pond fish long for old deep pool
Start barren south fields border
Observe awkward return field orchard
Plot residence 10 more acre
Grass house 8 9 rooms
Elm willow shade behind eaves
Peach plum collect hall before
Dim far person village
Reluctant to part ruins village smoke
Dog bark deep alley in
Chicken mulberry tree peak
Door yard no earth mix
Modest room have more vacant
Long at confinement in
Again get return self right

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Returning to Live in the South (II)

Sow beans south hill below
Grass flourishing beans seedling scarce
Morning rise tidy wasteland ugly
Carry moon carry hoe return
Way narrow grass trees great
Evening dew dampen my clothes
Clothes wet not enough worry
If cause wish not separate

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