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poems by

Li-Po

(translated by William George)

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for Catherine Laub and Michael Strutt

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1. The Drinker, The Moon, And His Shadow

Li-Po

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1 $\text{♩} = 72$ *freely*

Voice

Guitar

mp

4 *mp*

With a jar of wine I

Gtr.

8

sit a - mong the flowers. I

Gtr.

11

drink a - lone, _____ with-out friends.

Gtr.

15

The moon a - bove ob -

Gtr.

19

serves me; I lift my cup _____ to his

Gtr.

24

bright - ness. _____ And here _____

mf

Gtr.

27

is my sha - dow, now we are three.

freely

Gtr.

31 *mp*
The moon _____ can-not drink, and my sha - dow

freely

31

Gtr.

34 *mf*
on - ly fol - lows _____ me, But we are friends to -

34

Gtr.

37
night. _____ Let us trav - el to - geth - er,

37

Gtr.

40
hap - py to the end _____ of _____ Spring! When I

40

Gtr.

mf

44

sing, the moon wanders the sky. When I

44

Gtr.

46

dance, my shadow whirls a-round

46

Gtr.

48

me. We share life's joys un-til we are drunk;

48

Gtr.

51

mp *ritard* *mf*

On-ly then do we part. Let us

51

Gtr.

mp *ritard*

55

prom - ise e - ter-nal friend - ship, And al - though we are

Gtr. *mf*

58

part - ted, We will hail each oth - er each eve - ning,

Gtr. *f*

61

And meet a - gain

Gtr. *mp*

64

in the Milk - y Way.

Gtr. *mp*

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2. The Moon At Jade Pass

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$\text{♩} = 60$

mf

Voice

The bright moon ris - es o ver the moun - tain of

Guitar

mp

4

Heav'n, Hazed in cloud and sea. And the

Gtr.

mf

7 *falsetto*

wind, that has trav - elled a thou - sand miles,

Gtr.

10 *mf*

Beats at the bat - tle - ments of the Jade Pass.

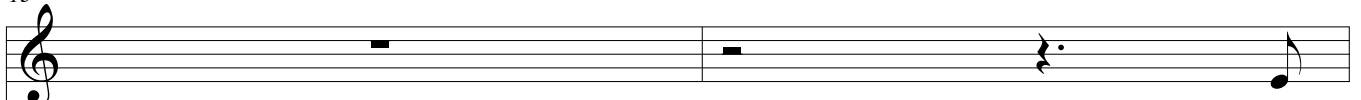
Gtr.

f *knock on wood*

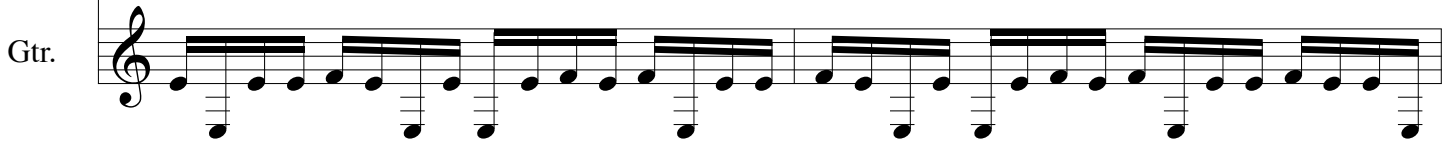
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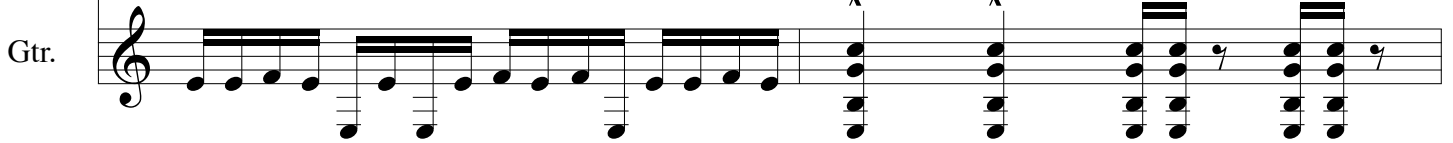
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men of Chi - na march down Bai - deng



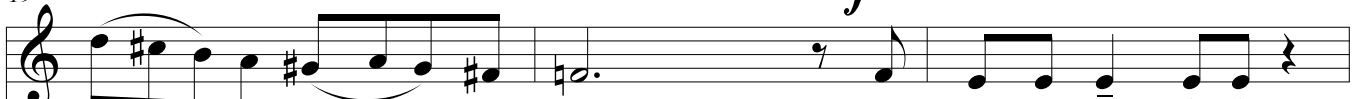
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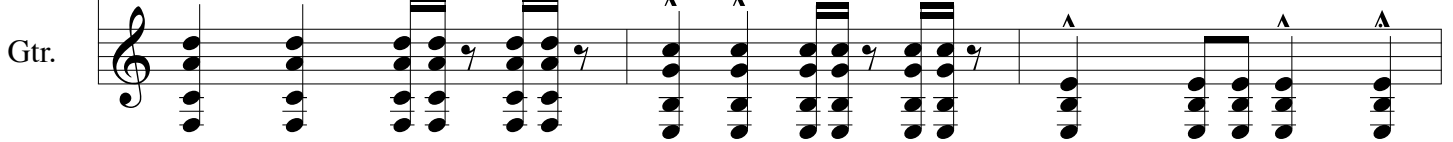
Road While Tar - tar troops peer a - cross blue



19



wat - ers of the bay. And since not one bat - tle



22



fa - mous in his - to - ry Sent all its fight - ers back a - gain,



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24

The sol - diers turn round,

Gtr.

26

look toward the bor - der, And think of home.

Gtr.

mp

mp *p*

30

With

Gtr.

mf *rit.* *mp*

32

wist - ful eyes they re - mem - ber those left be - hind

Gtr.

mp *a tempo*

37

Who toss and sigh and can - not rest.

Gtr.

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3. Quiet Night Thoughts

Li-Po

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freely and calmly ♩ = 60

Guitar *mp*

Gtr. *mp*

mp Be - fore my bed there is bright moon - *falsetto*

Gtr.

falsetto light seem - ing like frost on the ground.

Gtr.

Gtr. *mf*

Lift - ing my head I watch the bright

Gtr. *mp*

moon,

Gtr. *quickly*

Low-er-ing my head _____ I dream that I'm home.

Gtr. *rit.*

falsetto

Gtr. *a tempo*

rit.

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