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How to Read Chinese Poetry

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Shambhala Publications  
From the National Book Award-winning author of *Waiting*: a narratively driven, deeply human biography of the Tang dynasty poet Li Bai—also known as Li Po. In his own time (701 – 762), Li Bai's poems—shaped by Daoist thought and characterized by their passion, romance, and lust for life—were never given their proper due by the official literary gatekeepers. Nonetheless, his lines rang out on the lips of court entertainers, tavern singers, soldiers, and writers throughout the Tang dynasty, and his deep desire for a higher,

more perfect world gave rise to his nickname, the Banished Immortal. Today, Bai's verses are still taught to China's schoolchildren and recited at parties and toasts; they remain an inextricable part of the Chinese language. With the instincts of a master novelist, Ha Jin draws on a wide range of historical and literary sources to weave the great poet's life story. He follows Bai from his origins on the western frontier to his ramblings travels as a young man, which were filled with striving but also with merry abandon, as he raised cups of wine with friends and fellow

poets. Ha Jin also takes us through the poet's later years—in which he became swept up in a military rebellion that altered the course of China's history—and the mysterious circumstances of his death, which are surrounded by legend. *The Banished Immortal* is an extraordinary portrait of a poet who both transcended his time and was shaped by it, and whose ability to live, love, and mourn without reservation produced some of the most enduring verses.

[Tracking the Banished Immortal](#) Anchor

In this lucidly and gracefully

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written volume, Paula Varsano presents the first full-length study of Li Bo in English in half a century and the first extended look at the poet's critical reception."

The Selected Poems of Po Ch ü -I Farrar, Straus and Giroux

A prosimetrical collection that explores the early shaping of a writer, cultural and language gaps, identity, the creative process, and motherhood.

*Classical Chinese Poetry* Variorum  
Po Chu-i (772-846

C.E.) is the quintessential Chinese poet. For although clear thought and depth of wisdom inform the work of all major Chinese poets (as opposed to the complexity and virtuosity often valued in the West), Po makes clarity itself his particular vision.

Poetry and Prose of the Tang and Song Harper Perennial  
With this groundbreaking collection, translated and edited by the renowned poet and translator David Hinton, a new generation will be introduced to the work that riveted Ezra Pound

and transformed modern poetry. The Chinese poetic tradition is the largest and longest continuous tradition in world literature, and this rich and far-reaching anthology of nearly five hundred poems provides a comprehensive account of its first three millennia (1500 BCE to 1200 CE), the period during which virtually all its landmark developments took place. Unlike earlier anthologies of Chinese poetry, Hinton's book focuses on a relatively small number of poets, providing selections that are large enough to re-create each as a fully realized and unique voice. New introductions to each poet's work provide a readable history, told for the first time as a series of poetic

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innovations forged by a series of master poets. From the classic texts of Chinese philosophy to intensely personal lyrics, from love poems to startling and strange perspectives on nature, Hinton has collected an entire world of beauty and insight. And in his eye-opening translations, these ancient poems feel remarkably fresh and contemporary, presenting a literature both radically new and entirely resonant, in *Classical Chinese Poetry*.

The Book of Jade  
Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG  
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

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(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)

Three Chinese Poets Knopf  
Du Fu (712 – 777) has been called China's greatest poet, and some call him the greatest nonepic, nondramatic poet whose writings survive in any language. Du Fu excelled in a great variety of poetic forms, showing a richness of

language ranging from elegant to colloquial, from allusive to direct. His impressive breadth of subject matter includes intimate personal detail as well as a great deal of historical information—which earned him the epithet "poet-historian." Some 1,400 of Du Fu's poems survive today, his fame resting on about one hundred that have been widely admired over the centuries. Preeminent translator Burton Watson has selected 127 poems, including those for which Du

Fu is best remembered and lesser-known works.

### Du Fu Ecco

Tang Dynasty (AD618-907) is one of most powerful and prosperous dynasties in Chinese history, it is also a great era of cultural development, the prosperity of poems is the most distinctive feature of Tang Dynasty, it is closely associated with the government officials admission examination of the Dynasty as the skill of writing poems is a necessary subject of such examination, so the big poets, such as Li Bai, Du Fu and Bai Juyi, etc, are also government officials, their works reflect their thoughts and feeling on official careers and real life. Due to the

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economic prosperity, the ordinary people also have spare time and interest in writing poems, their works are more close to real life and more natural. The poems of Tang Dynasty showcase all respects of social life of the Dynasty. By reading these poems, you will have a better understanding of the character and spirit of the Chinese.

The Selected Poems of Li Po  
Derek Lee

The Complete Poetry of Du Fu presents a complete scholarly translation of Chinese literature alongside the original text in a critical edition. The English translation is more scholarly than vernacular Chinese translations, and it is compelled to address

problems that even the best traditional commentaries overlook. The main body of the text is a facing page translation and critical edition of the earliest Song editions and other sources. For convenience the translations are arranged following the sequence in Qiu Zhao 'an ' s Du shi xiangzhu (although Qiu ' s text is not followed). Basic footnotes are included when the translation needs clarification or supplement. Endnotes provide sources, textual notes, and a limited discussion of problem passages. A supplement references commonly used allusions, their sources, and where they can be found in the translation. Scholars know that there is scarcely a Du

Fu poem whose interpretation is uncontested. The scholar may use this as a baseline to agree or disagree. Other readers can feel confident that this is a credible reading of the text within the tradition. A reader with a basic understanding of the language of Chinese poetry can use this to facilitate reading Du Fu, which can present problems for even the most learned reader.

Selected 300 Poems of Chinese Tang Dynasty New Directions Publishing  
Translated works of an eight-century Chinese poet, known for his innovations in language and structure  
李白與杜甫 Sinica Leidensia

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"Albert Hoffstädt, a classicist by training and polylingual humanist by disposition, has for 25 years been the editor chiefly responsible for the development and acquisition of manuscripts in Asian Studies for Brill. During that time he has shepherded over 700 books into print and has distinguished himself as a figure of exceptional discernment and insight in academic publishing. He has also become a personal friend to many of his authors. A subset of these authors here offers to him in tribute and gratitude 22 essays on various topics in Asian Studies. These

include studies on premodern Chinese, Indian, Japanese, and Korean literature, history, and religion, extending also into the modern and contemporary periods. They display the broad range of Mr. Hoffstädt's interests while presenting some of the most outstanding scholarship in Asian Studies today"--  
Awakened Cosmos  
Everyman's Library  
Li Bai is one of China's most famous Tang Dynasty poets; affectionately known as the 'drunken poet'. However, his drunkenness was not of the bacchanalian

type, but rather, a good-natured form of intoxication, which gave rise to a sensitive appreciation of the beauties of nature, as well as the frailties and vulnerabilities of the human condition. There can never be a definitive translation of his poetry, but hopefully the translations presented here might possibly capture something of the original which the reader might appreciate, and which, at least, might serve as a reasonable introduction to the original Chinese, which is presented together with the

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translation. In the end, when we read the work of Li Bai, in the original or in translation, we find no real difficulty in appreciating his outlook on life, whilst his themes still find resonance with us today, either in China or elsewhere.

The Poet Li Po, A.D.

701-762 Shambhala  
Publications

A Zen poem is nothing other than an expression of the enlightened mind, a handful of simple words that disappear beneath the moment of insight to which it bears witness. Poetry has

been an essential aid to Zen Buddhist practice from the dawn of Zen—and Zen has also had a profound influence on the secular poetry of the countries in which it has flourished. Here, two of America ' s most renowned poets and translators provide an overview of Zen poetry from China and Japan in all its rich variety, from the earliest days to the twentieth century. Included are works by Lao Tzu, Han Shan, Li Po, Dogen Kigen, Saigyō, Bashō, Chiao Jan, Yuan Mei, Ryōkan, and many others.

Hamill and Seaton provide illuminating introductions to the Chinese and Japanese sections that set the poets and their work in historical and philosophical context. Short biographies of the poets are also included.

The Heart of Chinese Poetry  
Columbia University Press

A work of decadent verse of the Oblivionist/Nihilistic school.

Zen Poems Digireads.Com

A beautiful hardcover Pocket Poets collection of poetic tributes to beer from around the world and through ages. From the ancient "Hymn to Ninkasi" (the Sumerian goddess of beer) to eighth-century Chinese poet Li



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Bai's "Bring in the Ale" to Robert Graves's "Strong Beer," the poems collected here attest to humankind's long attraction to the foamy and intoxicating product of malted grains. A surprising variety of poets have penned tributes to the brew; their tantalizing poems include Robert Burns's "John Barleycorn," Edgar Allan Poe's "Lines on Ale," Frank O'Hara's "Beer for Breakfast," Sylvia Plath's "The Beer Tastes Good," Muriel Rukeyser's "Beer and Bacon," and Tom Waits's "Warm Beer and Cold Women." Whether pulling up to the celestial bar in Keats's "Mermaid Tavern" or to the grittier, jazzier one in Carl Sandburg's "Honky Tonk in Cleveland, Ohio" (where "the

cartoonists weep in their beer"), lovers of beer and poetry are sure to find something to celebrate in these tantalizing pages.

[Li Pai, 200 Selected Poems](#)  
Independently Published  
3 selected poems by Li Bai  
illustrated by midjourney using  
command prompts related to  
artworks inspired by Van  
Gogh and Li Bai's poetry  
Bright Moon, White Clouds  
University of Hawaii Press  
When Robert Haas first took  
his post as U.S. Poet  
Laureate, he asked himself,  
"What can a poet laureate  
usefully do?" One of his  
answers was to bring back

the popular nineteenth-century tradition of including poetry in our daily newspapers. "Poet's Choice," a nationally syndicated column appearing in twenty-five papers, has introduced a poem a week to readers across the country. "There is news in poems," argues Robert Haas. This collection gathers the full two years' worth of Haas's choices, including recently published poems as well as older classics. The selections reflect the events of the day, whether it be an elder poet

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receiving a major prize, a younger poet publishing a first book, the death of a great writer, or the changing seasons and holidays. They also reflect Hass's personal taste. Here is "one of the most gorgeous poems in the English language" ("To Autumn" by John Keats): a harrowing Holocaust poem ("Deathfugue" by Paul Celan); and "my favorite American poem of spring" ("Spring and All" by William Carlos Williams). With a brief introduction to each poet and poem, a note on the

selection, and insights on how the poem works, Robert Hass acts as your personal guide to the poetry shelves at your local bookstores and to some of the best poetry of all time. The Works of Li Po Franklin Classics Gathers poems written by the eighth-century Chinese poet, and briefly discusses his life and influence on Asian poetry Poems Shambhala Publications Du Fu (712 – 770) is one of the undisputed geniuses of Chinese poetry—still universally admired and read thirteen centuries after his death. Now David Young, author of Black

Lab, and well known as a translator of Chinese poets, gives us a sparkling new translation of Du Fu 's verse, arranged to give us a tour of the life, each "chapter" of poems preceded by an introductory paragraph that situates us in place, time, and circumstance. What emerges is a portrait of a modest yet great artist, an ordinary man moving and adjusting as he must in troubled times, while creating a startling, timeless body of work. Du Fu wrote poems that engaged his contemporaries and widened the path of the lyric poet. As his society—one of the world 's

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great civilizations—slipped from trees elegant houses stand in an  
a golden age into chaos, he elegant row, too many if my  
wrote of the uncertain course of heart turns to ashes then  
empire, the misfortunes and that 's all right with me . . .  
pleasures of his own family, the from " Meandering River "  
hard lives of ordinary people, "At the Shores of the Sky"  
the changing seasons, and the Vintage  
lives of creatures who shared Li Po (701-762) rivals Du Fu  
his environment. As the poet for the title of China's greatest  
chases chickens around the poet, and is considered to be  
yard, observes tear streaks on the great Romantic poet of the  
his wife 's cheek, or receives a Tang Dynasty (618-907). He  
gift of some shallots from a grew up in Sichuan province,  
neighbor, Young 's rendering China, and set out at the age of  
brings Du Fu 's voice naturally twenty-five to travel in the  
and elegantly to life. I sing what country, writing poems. A well-  
comes to me in ways both old read student of both  
and modern my only audience Confucianism and Taoism in  
right now— nearby bushes and his youth, and later an

unofficial court poet, Li Po is credited as the author of over one thousand poems about wine, friendship, nature, solitude, and time. His works are revered for their exquisite imagery, rich and effortless language, and cadence - although some critics admonished his violation of traditional poetic form. The poet was a member of a group in Shandong called the "Six Idlers of the Bamboo Brook," an informal group dedicated to literature and wine. Popular legend tells that an intoxicated Li Po drowned after falling from his boat in an attempt to

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embrace the reflection of the  
moon in the Yangtze River.