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Nostalgia

By MARY ELIZABETH COUNSELMAN

There is a clang of gongs within my ears,
 A touch of lotus on my fingertips.
 Dark slant-eyes stare behind my candid blue,
 And unknown accents tremble on my lips.

My heart-beats strangely quicken to the sound
 Of weird and whining music without tune.
 I sometimes long for watered fields of rice,
 To see familiar corn beneath the moon.

What pagan taint of blood is in our line?
 What long-forgotten sire bequeathed to me
 The memory of arched bridges o'er a stream
 Half choked with blossoms from a cherry-tree?

The white man's blood flows ruddy in my veins;
 My Saxon fathers knew this Saxon place . . .
 Yet . . . *what is this calm squatting form I see?*
A wisp of pungent smoke obscures the face . . . ■