



## China

### The Dragon and the Phoenix

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You are the mighty dragon  
Whose history is lost in the mists of time  
Shrouded in mystery and enchantment  
And breathing fire

Your dragon emperors  
Ruled the endless skies and earth  
With flaming tongue and snaking tail  
And armoured scales

The dragon flies again  
Awaking from its night of red dreams  
Craving the horded treasures of the West  
And rising like a golden sun

Waxing like a silver moon  
Shining the ancient wisdom of the East  
Trailing iridescent sparks of change  
The phoenix flies again

Cocooned in silk  
And flowing with ripples of water  
Through peaceful rockeries and gardens  
Were your phoenix empresses

Singing spells  
And rising in a blaze of coloured feathers  
From the ashes of grey modernity  
You are the mystical phoenix

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