

正氣歌

Zheng Qi Ge

34. Song of Correct Attitude

Standard tuning : 1 2 4 5 6 1 2

(Fengxuan Xianpin puts in shang mode)

Only in 太古遺音 *Taigu Yiyin* (1511)
and *Fengxuan Xianpin* (identical)
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(A)

天 地 有 正 氣， 雜 然 賦 流 形。
Tian di you zheng qi, za ran fu liu xing.
There is and integrity
((Giles: There is in the universe an Aura;))
that is embodied in various forms.

下 則 爲 河 獄， 上 則 爲 日 星。
Xia ze wei he yue4, shang ze wei ri xing.
On the earth it is mountains and rivers,
in the sky it is the sun and the stars.

於 人 日 浩 然， 沛 乎 塞 蒼 冥。
Yu ren ri hao4 ran, pei hu sai cang1 ming2.
In man it is the noble spirit
that fills up the whole world.

皇 路 當 清 夷， 含 和 吐 明 庭。
Huang lu dang qing yi2, han he tu ming ting.
The imperial road should be cleared of barbarians
and be flooded with light.

時 窮 節 乃 見， 一 垂 丹 青。
Shi qiong jie naijian, yi1 chui2 dan1 qing1.
In times of great danger man's high moral principle shows itself
and leaves its record in history.

(B)

在 齊 太 史 簡， 在 晉 董 狐 筆；
Zai Qi Tai shi jian, zai Jin Dong Hu bi;
This is revealed in the Records of Qi,
the writings of Dong Hu of Jin.

在 秦 張 良 椎， 在 漢 蘇 武 節。
zai Qin Zhang Liang chui2, zai Han Su Wu jie.
Zhang Liang's service to Qin
and Su Wu's moral courage in the Han dynasty.

* Translation copied here from a website
that did not identify the translator.

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 爲 Wei 敗 Yan 將 jiang 軍 jun 頭 tou, 爲 wei 稣 Xi 賦 Shi4 中 zhong 血; xue;
 It was General Yan's head, 茄 rit.
 正 菊 六 迴 菊 迴 菊 五 迴 菊 迴 菊 七

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 爲 wei 張 Zhang 睞 Sui1 陽 yang 齒 chi3, 爲 wei 顏 Yan 常 Chang 山 shan 舌 she.
 Zhang Suiyan's teeth, and Yan Changshen's tongue.
 菊 三 迴 菊 三 迴 菊 四 三 菊 三 迴 菊 七

(C) 42
 或 Huo 爲 wei 遼 Liao 東 dong 帽 mao, 清 qing 操 cao 厥 li4 冰 bing 雪 xue.
 It was the Liaodong hat that could withstand the ice and snow.
 大九 菊 五 六 七 菊 七 茄 大九 迴 菊 菊 七 迴 菊 七

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 或 Huo 爲 wei 出 chu 師 shi 表 biao, 鬼 gui 神 shen 泣 qi4 壯 zhuang4 烈 lie4.
 It was Zhuge Liang's memorial which was so heroic that it moved the immortals.
 大九 茄 六 菊 菊 七 菊 五 迴 菊 菊 七 迴 菊 七

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 或 Huo 爲 wei 渡 du 江 jiang 檜 ji2, 慶 kang 慨 kai 吞 tun1 胡 hu2 翹 jie2.
 It was the river-crossing oar that wiped out the nomad invaders.
 大九 菊 五 六 茄 菊 七 菊 菊 七 茄 菊 七

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 或 Huo 爲 wei 擊 ji 賊 zei2 笮 hu4, 逆 ni4 肩 shou4 頭 tou 破 po4 裂 lie.
 It was the Mongolian sceptre that crushed treacherous vassals' heads.
 菊 五 迴 菊 茄 菊 七 茄 菊 七 茄 菊 七

(D) 59
 是 Shi 氣(隨?) suο 磅 bang 薄 bo, 凜 lin3 烈 lie 萬 wan 古 gu 存 cun.
 Integrity is so majestic that it will never die out.
 菊 五 六 七 菊 七 茄 菊 菊 七 茄 菊 七

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 當 Dang 其 qi 貫 guan4 日 ri 月 yue, 生 sheng 死 si 安 an 足 zu 論 lun.
 It shoots up to the sun and the moon, and life and death are of no importance before it.
 菊 五 六 茄 七 菊 七 茄 菊 菊 七 茄 菊 七

67 地維賴以立，天柱賴以尊。
It supports both the earth and the sky.

71 三網實係命，道義爲之根。
Our lives hinge on our cardinal guides and our foundation rests on our morality.

(E) 75 噎矛邁陽九，隸夜實不力。
But now everything is upside down (Giles: Alas! the fates were against me) (Giles: I was without resource.)

79 楚囚縲其冠，傳車送窮北。
Divested of his headgear this prisoner is kept behind prison bars in the north.

83 rit. 鼎鑊甘如飴，求之不。可得。
He would only be glad to be burned (Giles: Death would have been sweet indeed) in the barbarians' crucible, but that boon was refused.)

(F) 88 陰房鬼火春院闕天黑。
Ghost flame rages in the room and the courtyard is wrapped in darkness.

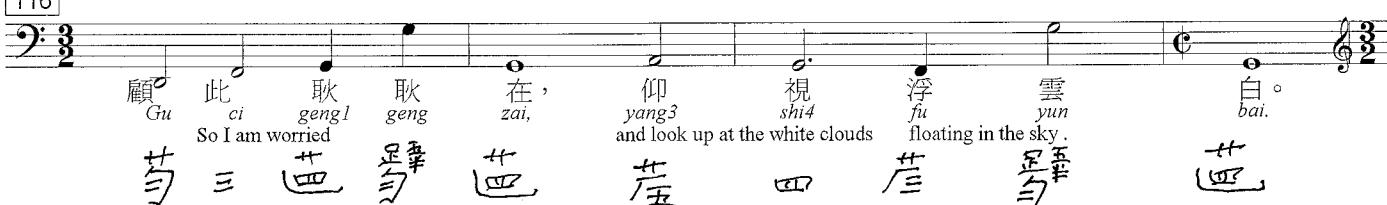
93 牛驥同皂，雞栖鳳凰食。
Oxen and steeds live in the same fold and chickens and phoenixes share the same food.

98 一朝蒙霧露，分作溝中瘠。
The earth is shrouded in mist and fog. (Giles: I had many times thought to die.)

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(G) 108 

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(H) 125 

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