

A Taste of Tang
Poems from the Tang Dynasty



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咏 鹅

Ode to the Goose

By Luo Binwang (640?-684)

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鹅， 鹅， 鹅，

Goose, goose, goose.

qū xiàng xiàng tiān gē
曲 项 向 天 歌。

Neck bent, it sings towards the sky.

bái máo fú lǜ shuǐ
白 毛 浮 绿 水，

White feathers float on green water.

hóng zhǎng bō qīng bō
红 掌 拨 清 波。

Red webbed feet splash clear ripples.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNJJ8uJUSTI>

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骆宾王-Luo Binwang (640 – 684), was a Chinese poet of the Tang dynasty. It is said that he wrote the poem "Ode to the Goose" at the age of seven.

1. 咏鹅-Ode to the Goose

2. 鹅-Goose

3. 曲-bend, curve

4. 项-neck

5. 向-to, towards

6. 天-sky

7. 歌-sing

8. 白毛-white feathers

9. 浮-float

10. 绿水-turquoise water

11. 红掌-red feet

12. 拨-paddle

13. 清波-clear ripples