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英译的中国新诗选集近年来甚少,少得令人惊异。现存的选本大都是一时一地的产物。赫乐德·艾克顿和陈世骧合译的《中国新诗》(1936年,伦敦)宝贵得很,但是它反映的是三十年代中期北平诗坛的状况。罗伯特·培恩编译的《当代中国新诗》(1947年,伦敦),卷首有一行题辞:"纪念闻一多",足见它是昆明西南联大那一时期的产物。许芥昱选译的《二十世纪中国诗选》现在仍是最佳最全的选本,但该书出版于1963年,实质上是昆明西南联大的一名老校友主办的"回顾当年的画展"。

今天无论是谁要编选新的选集,必然要有一套迥然不同的取舍标准。二三十年代开拓中国诗坛新局面的先驱们如今都得到了定论,而在短暂却又十分重要的四十年代末期中出现的先驱的继承者也都获得了新的推崇。1949年以后的三十年里,台湾海峡两岸的新诗走上了颇不相同的道路。五六十年代的台湾诗人继承和发展了现代主义的传统。1977年以来,中国大陆出现了新诗的崛起。近年来台湾的青年诗人逐渐放弃现代主义的技巧而重返乡土的质朴,与此同时,他们在北京的同代人却在忙于弥补时间上的损失,再度探索现代主义这个长久以来无人敢于问津的禁区。

对于中国的诗坛来说,本世纪是一个混乱而又激动人心的时



前言

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PREFACE

期。许多课题引起炽烈的争辩,例如格律诗与自由体之争,中国传统与外国影响之争,人民的诗与诗人的诗(或纯诗)之争,至今论战犹酣,尘埃远未落定。有些评论家实际上就把这整个时期看作不同派别争论不休的时期。我们认为,给各种文学社团贴上标签(诸如湖畔诗人,文学研究会,创造社,新月派,沉钟派,创世纪派,蓝星派,今天派,等等),固然有助于记忆,但是还有一种办法也很值得试验,这就是:从各派或各阵营的诗作中,摘取若干首,把它们并排在一起,而基本上不加评论。这样我们就可以在这些单独的诗作之间发现新的联系,也可以更广泛地认识中国诗在粉碎了旧体诗的禁锢以来七十年内的发展历程。

这一选本是几经试验、改动的结果,我们私下里给它选了一个副标题:《天足》。选集,存有极大的难题:一来,个人的选择往往失于主观;二来,一些诗坛名作,用中文读起来极妙,译成英文却不见得如此。我们希望这个选本至少可以激发读者进一步读中国新诗的兴趣,无论是中文原作,或是现有的英文译本也好。我们也希望用这个选集向读者证明中国诗的创造力是持续不衰的。

感谢香港中文大学翻译研究中心诸同仁的协助,尤其感谢白杰明和朱志瑜两先生。选集中的若干首译文或译稿曾在《译丛》里刊登。第44首是宋淇先生所译。第61和62首是Alisa Joyce和李洁珍的译作。

1986年,香港



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There have been surprisingly few anthologies of modern Chinese poetry in English translation. Those that exist are very much a product of their time and place. Harold Acton and Ch'en Shih-hsiang's invaluable Modern Chinese Poetry (London, 1936) was a reflection of the poetic scene in Peking in the mid thirties, while Robert Payne's Contemporary Chinese Poetry(London, 1947), with its telling dedication "In Memoriam Wen Yi-tuo", is a product of the Southwest Associate University years in Kunming. Kai-yu Hsu's Twentieth Century Chinese Poetry, which remains the best and most extensive anthology of its kind, was first published in 1963 and is in essence a retrospective by a former student from Kunming.

Anyone compiling a new anthology today is bound to approach the task with a different set of priorities. The pioneers of new poetry in the twenties and thirties have fallen into perspective, while their successors in the brief but important period of the late forties have acquired a new significance. For the thirty years after 1949, poetry followed very different paths on the two sides of the Taiwan straits. The Taiwan poets of the fifties and sixties continued and developed the

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modernist tradition. Since 1977 there has been a poetic renaissance in China, and while the younger poets in Taiwan have recently been turning away from modernistic technique and rediscovering homegrown simplicity, their contemporaries in Peking have been making up for lost time by exploring once more the long forbidden domain of modernism.

This has been a confused and exciting century for Chinese poetry, and the dust is still far from having settled on many heated debates (metre versus free verse, Chinese tradition versus foreign influence, people's poetry versus poet's or pure poetry). Several critics have in fact treated the whole period in terms of contention between rival cliques. While the names of literary societies are useful mnemonic labels (Lakeside, Literary Research, Creation, Crescent Moon, Sunken Bell, Epoch, Blue Stars, Today, etc.), it may also be a worthwhile experiment to place individual poems from all these various camps side by side, with little or no comment. In this way we may be able to see new connections, and gain a broad view of the development of Chinese poetry in the three quarters of a century since the hermetic casket of classicism was shattered.

This anthology of often uncertain experimentations has a private subtitle: "Unbound Feet". An anthology of poems is a difficult assignment. Individual choices of poems were often subjective. Poems that were famous in Chinese sometimes did not seem to go well in English. We hope at least to have provided an incentive for more





extensive reading, whether in the Chinese originals or in the other translations that are available, and to have put before the reader evidence of the continuing vitality of the Chinese poetic impulse.

We wish to thank all of our colleagues at the Research Centre for Translation of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, in particular Zhu Zhiyu and Geremie Barmé, Some of these translations, or earlier drafts of them, have appeared in the pages of *Renditions*. Poems 44 are translated by Stephen C. Soong, poems 61 and 62 by Alisa Joyce and Ginger Li.

Hong Kong, 1986



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秋

wăn **矩**

约 jiáng

II

shang 上 guī cháo de niǎo ér 归巢的鸟儿,

jǐn guǎn shì juàn le 尽管是倦了,

hái tuố zhe xiế yống huí qủ 还驮着斜阳回去。

shuāng chì yī fắn 双翅一翻,

bà xié yáng diào zài jiàng shang 把斜阳 掉在江 上,

tóu bởi de lú wěi 头白的芦苇,

yě zhuāng chéng yī shùn de hóng yán le 也 妆 成 一 瞬 的 红 颜 了。

「前刘命大路白

nián yuè rì shòo xīng 1923 年 10 月 30 日 , 绍 兴



Autumn Evenging on the River



Liu Dabai

The homing bird,

Though tired,

Still carries back the westering sun.

Flaps his wings,

Drops the sun on the river;

And the white-haired reeds

Wear an instant of rouge.

30 October 1923, Shaoxing

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铁铁

可当!叮当!

qīng cuì de dǎ tiè shēng 清脆的打铁声,

jiàng

jī dòng yè jiān chén mò de kông qì 激动夜间沉默的空气。

xiǎo mén lǐ shí shí shǎn chū hóng guãng 小门里时时闪出红光,

yù xiǎn de wài jiān hēi qī qī de 愈显得外间黑漆漆地。

業iú 刘b¥ng农

wǒ cóng mén qián jīng guò 我从门前经过,

kàn jiàn mén lǐ de tiě jiàng 看见门里的铁匠。

可当!叮当!

tā chur zi yī xià yī shàng 他锤子一下一上。

zhēn shàng de tiě 砧 上 的铁,

shǎn zhe xuè yě shì de guāng 闪着血也似的光。

zhào jiàn tā é shang lín lín de hàn 照见他额上淋淋的汗,

hé tā luǒ zhe de 和他裸着的、

kuān kuò de xiōng táng 宽阔的胸膛。

wǒ zǒu de yuǎn le 我走得远了.

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