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《朝花夕拾》原版封面 The original cover of Dawn Blossoms Plucked at Dusk

### 小 引

广州的天气热得真早,夕阳从西窗射人,逼得人只能勉强穿一件单衣。书桌上的一盆"水横枝",是我先前没有见过的:就是一段树,只要浸在水中,枝叶便青葱得可爱。看看绿叶,编编旧稿,总算也在做一点事。做着这等事,真是虽生



### **Preface**

I often hanker after a little peace and respite from confusion, but it is really hard to come by. The present is so bizarre and my state of mind so confused. When a man reaches the stage when all that remains to him is memories, his life should probably count as futile enough, yet sometimes even memories may be lacking. In China there are rules for writing, and worldly affairs still move in a tortuous course. A few days ago when I left Sun Yat-sen University, I rembered how I left Amoy University four months ago; and the drone of planes overhead reminded me of the planes which, a year ago, had circled daily over Peking. At that time I wrote a short essay called "The Awakening." Today, even this fails to "awaken" me.

It certainly grows hot early in Guangzhou; the rays of the setting sun shining through the west window force one to wear nothing but a shirt at most. The "water-bough" in a basin on my desk is something quite new to me, a lopped-off bough which, immersed in water, will put out lovely green leaves. Looking at these green leaves and editing some old manuscripts means that I am doing something, I suppose. Doing such trifling things, although really tantamount to death

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之日,犹死之年,很可以驱除炎 热的。

前天,已将《野草》编定了; 这回便轮到陆续载在《莽原》上 的《旧事重提》,我还替他改了 一个名称:《朝花夕拾》。带露 折花,色香自然要好得多,但是 我不能够。便是现在心目中的 离奇和芜杂,我也还不能使他 即刻幻化,转成离奇和芜杂的 文章。或者,他日仰看流云时, 会在我的眼前一闪烁罢。

我有一时,曾经屡次忆起 儿时在故乡所吃的蔬果:菱角、 罗汉豆、茭白、香瓜。凡这些, 都是极其鲜美可口的;都曾是 使我思乡的蛊惑。后来,我在 久别之后尝到了,也不过如此; 惟独在记忆上,还有旧来的意 味留存。他们也许要哄骗我一 生、使我时时反顾。

这十篇就是从记忆中抄出来的,与实际容或有些不同,然而我现在只记得是这样。文体大概很杂乱,因为是或作或辍,经了九个月之多。环境也不一:前两篇写于北京寓所的东

in life, is an excellent way of banishing the heat.

The day before yesterday I finished editing Wild Grass; now it is the turn of Recollections of the past, serialized in the magazine Wilderness, and I have changed its name to Dawn Blossoms Plucked at Dusk. Of course flowers plucked with dew on them are much fresher and sweeter, but I was unable to gather these at dawn. Even now I cannot readily transpose my confused thoughts and feelings into bizarre, confused writings. Perhaps some day when I look up at the fleeting clouds, they may flash before my eyes.

For a time I kept recalling the vegetables and fruits I ate as a child in my old home: caltrops, horsebeans, water bamboo shoots, musk-melons. So succulent, so delicious were they all, they beguiled me into longing for my old home. Later, tasting these things again after a protracted absence, I found them nothing special. It was only in retrospect that they retained their old flavour. They may keep on deceiving me my whole life long, making my thoughts turn constantly to the past.

These ten pieces are records transcribed from memory, perhaps deviating somewhat from the facts, but this is just how I remember things today. The writing itself is no doubt a strange hodgepodge, having been jotted down by fits and starts, over a period of nine months or more. The surroundings differed too; the first two pieces were written by the east wall of my



壁下;中三篇是流离中所作,地 方是医院和木匠房;后五篇却 在厦门大学的图书馆的楼上, 已经是被学者们挤出集团之后 了。

一九二七年五月一月,鲁 迅于广州白云楼记。



house in Peking; the next three during my wanderings in hospitals and in a carpenter's workshop; the last five on the top floor of the library of Amoy University, when those scholars there had already excluded me from their clique.

Lu Xun

Written in White Cloud Pavilion, Guangzhou May 1,1927



### 狗·猫·鼠

从去年起,仿佛听得有人 说我是仇猫的。那根据自然是 在我的那一篇《兔和猫》: 这是 自画招供,当然无话可说,一 但倒也毫不介意。一到今年, 我可很有点担心了。我是常不 免于弄弄笔墨的,写了下来,印 了出去,对于有些人似乎总是 搔着痒处的时候少,碰着痛处 的时候多。万一不谨,其而至 于得罪了名人或名教授,或者 更甚而至于得罪了"负有指导 青年责任的前辈"之流,可就危 险已极。为什么呢? 因为这些 大脚色是"不好惹"的。怎地 "不好惹"呢? 就是怕要浑身发 热之后,做一封信登在报纸上, 广告道:"看哪! 狗不是仇猫的 么? 鲁迅先生却自己承认是仇 猫的,而他还说要打'落水 狗'!"这"逻辑"的奥义,即在用 我的话,来证明我倒是狗,于是 而凡有言说,全都根本推翻,即 使我说二二得四,三三见九,也



### Dogs, Cats, and Mice

Since last year I seem to have heard some people calling me a cat-hater. The evidence, naturally, was my tale "Rabbits and Cats," and this being a self-confession there was of course no defence to be made but that worried me not at all. This year, however, I have begun to feel a little anxious. I cannot help scribbling from time to time, and when what I write is published it seldom scratches certain people where they itch but often strikes them on some sensitive spot. If I am not careful I may even offend celebrities and eminent professors or , worse still, some of the "elders responsible for guiding the youth." Anad that would be extremely dangerous. Why so? Because these bigwigs are "not to be trifled with." Why are they "not to be trifled with"? Because they may become so incensed that they publish a letter in a paper announcing: "See! Don't dogs hate cats? Mr. Lu Xun himself admits to hating cats yet he also advocates beating 'dogs that have fallen into the water'!"The subtlety of this "logic" lies in its use of words from my own mouth to prove me a dog, from which it follows that any defence I make is completely overturned. Even if I say two twos make four, three threes make nine, every single word is

