

## Ode of No Mind

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Fog veils the pavilion, the greenery extends to the river crossing;  
The land of peach blossom<sup>1</sup> is not apart from the daily routines.

Circumstances are not good or bad, but the mind differentiates;  
Let the true nature<sup>2</sup> shine and not erect any perceptions.

The bridge arches like a rainbow, the fish case<sup>3</sup> delivers messages;  
The scenery is inherently endless and ubiquitous.

Flow free in the stream of life, go along with the up-and-down journey;  
I vow to be a field of rich soil that nurtures all the spring splendid.

*Writing to this point, I can not help laughing out loud. Suddenly someone asks: "What are you laughing about? Aren't you afraid of not being able to close your mouth?"*

*I shout loudly: "Who has seen me open my mouth?" To conclude:*

Cloud drifts around the mountains, the moon rises above the sea.

There is no mouth to open, and no mind to perceive.

The Jade Rabbit is pregnant, a pearl oyster holds the moon.

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<sup>1</sup> In *Land of Peach Blossom*, Tao Yuan-Ming (365-427 AD) told a story about a lost fisherman who discovered a paradise village hidden in a nearby mountain.

<sup>2</sup> Buddha nature-the universal nature of all living beings.

<sup>3</sup> In Song Dynasty (960-1279 AD), a wooden fish-shaped case was often used to deliver letters.

A clay bull walks into the sea, and bellows the dragon made of wood!