

## 2 Chinese Poems

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### **1. Alone**

Two stellar's jays torment my cat.  
Where are you tonight?  
We all howl for you, and I  
Have worn my best dress for no one.  
I would not hear the sounds of this silent house:  
I would not feel the movement of my blood:  
If you were here,  
I would not have time to remember  
That I am growing old.

### **2. Ambition**

The computer hums a familiar tune.  
I am so jealous I could eat.  
For everything I planned to do  
Someone has done it well.  
While I grow fat on swallowed ideas  
They dance on the grass.  
I want to be ink on paper, image on film.  
I will be something less fragile  
Than the flower outside my window.  
Not hungry, I must fill my mouth  
And grow.