

RAINY SEASON

Shall we go to Suta-sa temple on Mount Gongjak
to see the water celery
shall we go to see the wild pinks
on a day when rain is pouring down
shall we go to dry our wet feet
on a hot floor in the living quarters of Suta-sa
shall we go to view the distant hills through the window
on a rainy day after a rainy day after a rainy day
after beholding a peony for a good while beside a drooping ash
offering old Buddha a couple of bows
then if we're bored
if we are nonetheless bored shall we call
for the young daughter-in-law who's not here and play cards
or, damn it, shall we go and beg a handful of rice crusts to munch
from the temple cook
this long long rainy season