

詠鵝 Song for a goose,
by 駱賓王 lok3 ban1 wong4



This is a famous Tang Dynasty Poem, written by the Poet Luo Binwang (in Cantonese: lok3 ban1 wong4), when he was only 7 years old.

*The word for goose 鵝 ngo4 is also the noise a goose makes – eg ‘honk’.

鵝，鵝，鵝，

ngo4 , ngo4 , ngo4
[goose] [goose] [goose]
Goose, goose, goose

曲項向天歌

kuk1 hong6 hoeng3 tin1 go1
[curved] [neck] [towards] [sky] [sing]
Curved neck reaches towards the sky as she sings

白毛浮綠水

baak6 mou4 fau4 luk6 sei2
[white] [feathers] [float] [green] [water]
White feathers floating on green water

紅掌撥清波

hung4 zoeng2 but6 cing1 bo1
[red] [soles] [push] [clear] [ripples]
Red soles pushing clear ripples.

For a straight reading of the poem
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGatEP2Xf78>

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