



# Question in the mountains

You ask me why  
 I live in the jade mountains.  
 I smile, unanswering.  
 My heart is calm.  
 Peach petals float on the water,  
 never come back.  
 There is a heaven and earth beyond  
 the crowded town below.

*Li Bai (701-762)*

別有天地非人間  
 桃花流水杳然去  
 笑而不答心自閑  
 問余何意棲碧山

李白

山中問答

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