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Korea

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Translation

Moon, moon, bright moon, once, long ago, Li Tai Bai basked in your light.
There in the moon, a cinnamon tree has taken root.
I will fell it with the axe of jade and plane it with the golden axe.
I will build a cottage with a thatched roof and three rooms, and bring both my parents there.
So we will live a thousand and ten thousand years.

Li Tai Bai = a famous Chinese poet of the Tang period; he lived from 701–762.

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