

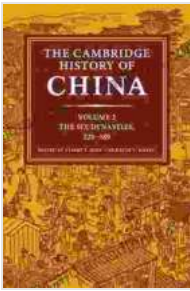
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Tao Qian's "Returning to the Fields" is a classic example of his idyllic poetry, celebrating the simple pleasures of rural life.

In the southern mountains, there's a secluded dwelling  
Where I've built my hut among the pines and streams.  
Peach blossoms smile at the front door  
And chrysanthemums bloom by the eastern hedge.

Xie Lingyun's "Ascending the Stone Fortress" captures the awe and grandeur of nature through the lens of a solitary wanderer.

I climb the stone fortress, soaring to the sky,  
And gaze out over hills and rivers vast.  
Clouds drift like white scarves, veiling the peaks,  
And the sun dips below the western horizon.

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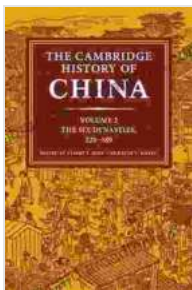
The fish trap exists because of the fish. Once you've caught the fish, you can forget the trap. The rabbit snare exists because of the rabbit. Once you've caught the rabbit, you can forget the snare. Words exist because of meaning. Once you've grasped the meaning, you can forget the words.

Laozi's "Tao Te Ching" is a foundational text of Taoism, emphasizing the importance of living in harmony with the natural Free Download of things.

The highest good is like water. Water gives life to the ten thousand things and does not strive. It flows in places men reject and so is like the Tao.

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