

*Horseshoe Chair(China) #412*

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Practical enduring rosewood  
for an emperor  
a folding throne  
so comfortable  
he never thinks of war

ALICE PERO

Carried into silence  
I sat  
undisturbed by lilies  
and trees  
Water rushed under my feet  
a confusion of wind and sparrows  
tried to bring speech  
Yet I knew my place  
as still as carved wood  
as quiet as stone