

*Ducks & Lotus, (China) 420#*

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Two old Ducks  
in their Mandarin  
robes gliding by  
Lotus, secure  
sometimes barely  
paddling, the  
Feathered Fortune  
of a married life

ASHLEY BALDON

Under the canopy of lotus leaves  
He leans in to hear his wife's whisper  
"May we live long and well"

DEBORAH P KOLODJI

twenty years  
after our marriage ends...  
pairs  
of mandarin ducks  
among the lotus



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