

*Plum Blossoms in the Moonlight (China) 417#*

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snow crystals  
blush  
lifting their lips  
to kiss  
falling plum blossoms

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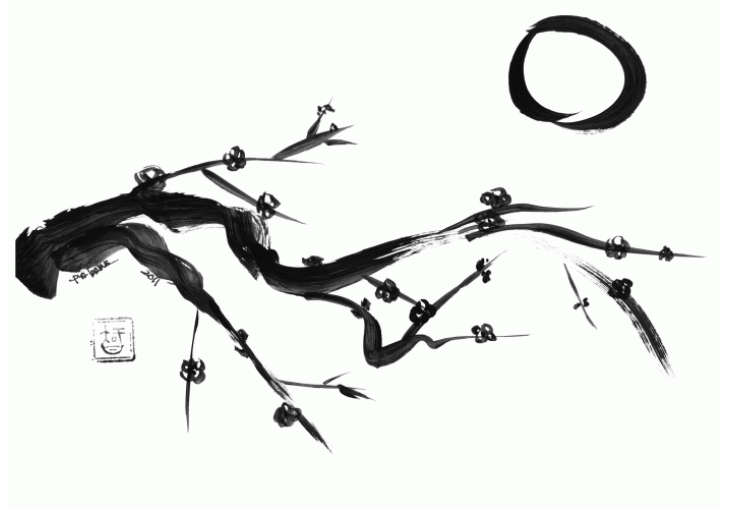
O, wonderful planting Moon,  
why are you only half a moon?  
only half the light needed at night  
to see the small buds unfold

O, Plum Tree, three nights  
I have waited in the moonlight  
to see your delicate pink petals  
slowly grow into dancing blossoms

O, Moon, I grieve our courtship  
must soon end  
but there is one consolation  
as your light fades-your plum blossoms change into stars\*\*\*\*\*

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mountains of poems  
centuries of plums blossoms in the snow  
and yet tonight in this moonlight  
a new poem and snow  
on plum blossoms



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