

Lyrics: Li T'ai Po  
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# You ask why . . .

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**Quasi andante, ma legatissimo**

$\text{♩} = 56$   
*mp* *mf*

Soprano  
You ask why I make my home, you ask why I, I make my home in the moun-tain fo-rest in the

Alto 1  
You ask why I make my home, you ask why I, I make my home in the moun-tain fo-rest in the

Alto 2  
You ask why I make my home, you ask why I, I make my home in the moun-tain fo-rest in the

Tenor  
You ask why I make my home, you ask why I, I make my home in the moun-tain fo-rest in the

Bass  
You ask why I make my home, you ask why I, I make my home in the moun-tain fo-rest in the



5 *mf* *mp* *mf* *pp*

S.  
moun-tain fo-rest, moun-tain fo-rest, and I smile, and I smile, and am si-lent,

A. 1  
moun-tain fo-rest, moun-tain fo-rest, and I smile, and I smile, and am si-lent,

A. 2  
moun-tain fo-rest, moun-tain fo-rest, and I smile, and I smile, and am si-lent,

T.  
moun-tain fo-rest, moun-tain fo-rest, and I smile, and I smile, and am si-lent,

B.  
moun-tain fo-rest, moun-tain fo-rest, and I smile, and I smile, and am si-lent,

9 *mp* *div.* *mf*

S. and e - ven my \_\_\_ soul re - mains, re-mains qui - et, re-mains qui - et, re-mains

A. 1 *mp* *div.* *mf*

A. 2 *mp* *mf*

T. *mf*

B. *mf*

my

my

13 *mp* *dim. p. a p. al pp*

S. qui - et, re-mains qui - et, re-mains qui - et, re-mains qui - et, re-mains qui - et, re-mains qui - et,

A. 1 *mp* *dim. p. a p. al pp*

A. 2 *mp* *dim. p. a p. al pp*

T. *div.* *dim. p. a p. al pp*

B. *dim. p. a p. al pp*

soul re-mains quiet, re-mains qui - et, re-mains qui - et, re-mains qui - et,

soul \_\_\_\_\_ re-mains qui - et re-mains qui - et, re-mains qui - et, re-mains qui - et

Poco avanti

♩ = 64

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S. *pp* *mf*  
qui - et, qui - et: it

A. 1 *pp* *mp* *mf cresc. molto*  
qui - et, qui - et: it lives in the o-ther world, it lives

A. 2 *pp* *mp* *mf cresc. molto*  
quiet, re-mains qui - et: it lives in the o-ther world, it lives in the

T. *pp* *p unis.* *mf* *cresc. molto*  
qui - et, qui - et: it lives in the o - ther world, div. it lives

B. *pp* *p* *mf* *cresc. molto*  
qui - et qui - et: it lives in the o - ther world, it lives

23 *cresc. molto* *ff*

S. *ff*  
lives in the o-ther world, the o-ther, o-ther world, world which no one owns, no one

A. 1 *ff*  
in the o-ther world, it lives o-ther, o-ther world, world which no one owns, no one

A. 2 *ff*  
o-ther world, it lives in the o-ther, o-ther world, world which no one owns, no one

T. *ff*  
in the o - ther, o-ther world, world no one owns, which no one

B. *ff*  
in the o - ther, o-ther world, world no one owns, which no one

28 *poco rall.* *f* *dim. molto* *p* *pp* (tenderly) *A tempo I, ♩ = 56*

S. owns, which no one, no one owns, no one owns. You ask why I make my home, you

A. 1 owns, which no one, no one owns, no one owns. You ask why I make my home, you

A. 2 owns, which no one, no one owns, no one owns. You ask why I make my home, you

T. owns which no one, no one owns, no one owns. You ask why I make my home, you

B. owns, which no one, no one owns, no one owns. You ask why I make my home, you



34 *p* *mp* *mp*

S. ask why I, I make my home in the moun-tain fo-rest in the moun-tain fo-rest, moun-tain fo-rest, and

A. 1 ask why I, I make my home in the moun-tain fo-rest in the moun-tain fo-rest, moun-tain fo-rest, and

A. 2 ask why I, I make my home in the moun-tain fo-rest in the moun-tain fo-rest, moun-tain fo-rest, and

T. ask why I, I make my home in the moun-tain fo-rest in the moun-tain fo-rest, moun-tain fo-rest, and

B. ask why I, I make my home in the moun-tain fo-rest in the moun-tain fo-rest, moun-tain fo-rest, and

37 *mf* *pp* *mp*

S. I smile, and I smile, and am si - lent. The peach trees

A. 1 I smile, and I smile, and am si - lent. The peach trees

A. 2 I smile, and I smile, and am si - lent. The peach trees div.

T. I smile, and I smile, and am si - lent, The peach trees

B. I smile, and I smile, and am si - lent, The peach trees



**diminuendo molto  
per tutti al pp**

42 unis.

S. blos - som, the peach trees blos - som, the wa - ter

A. 1 blos - som, the peach trees blos - som, the wa - ter

A. 2 blos - som, the peach trees blos - som, the wa - ter

T. blos - som, the peach trees blos - som, wa - ter

B. blos - som, the peach trees blos - som, wa - ter

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S. flows, — the wa - ter, the wa - ter flows, flows.

A. 1 flows, — the wa - ter, wa - ter flows.

A. 2 flows, — the wa - ter, wa - ter flows.

T. flows, the wa - ter flows, flows.

B. flows, the wa - ter flows, flows.  
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flows, flows.

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