

## Shrine of Stored Incense (1997)

Shrine of Stored Incense is based on a poem entitled *On going by the Shrine of Stored Incense* by the eighth century Chinese poet, Wang Wei. The following is a translation by the late Arthur Cooper -

### On going by the Shrine of Stored Incense

Where does it lie,  
Shrine of Stored Incense,  
How many miles  
into cloudy peaks?

Where ancient woods  
have no tracks of men  
Deep in the mountains  
sounds somewhere a bell;

Waterfall's voice  
coming from steep crags  
And sun's colour  
cold on the larches,

A pale stillness  
erasing lake's rim,  
Meditation tames  
Deadly Dragon!

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