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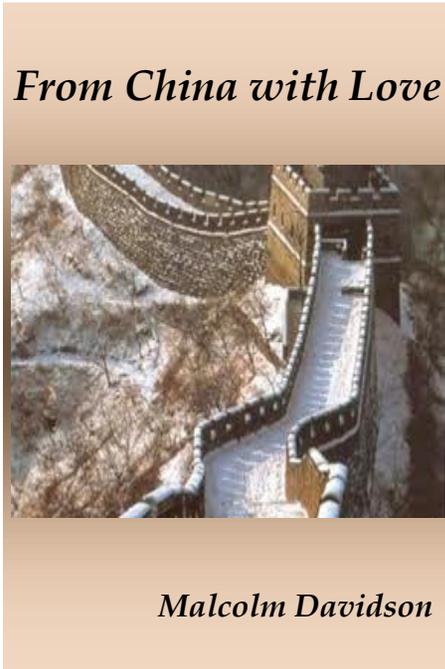
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*I went to China on a project
filled with apprehension
not sure what I would find.
I returned filled with love
for the people, for their ways
I may not understand them
but I admire them.*

*Sechuan people are full of laughter
Sechuan people work hard
but also have fun
I cannot wait to return.*

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Fur Coat lady

Fur coat lady on bicycle
pedals furiously
hat pulled down over ears
old black and white sneakers
a blur as she passes by,
the only sound
a squeaking wheel

Fur coat lady why are you in such a hurry
Stop and take your coat off
Let us take tea together
and share stories,
stories from the past
and hopes for the future

Fur Coat lady may you journey well.

Reading the Newspaper

Legs crossed
with the daily newspaper open on lap,
catching up on the news, relaxed
a few minutes before the office
to find out what is going on in the world,
what news from China.
News travels faster than this rickshaw
as the driver huffs and puffs
turning the pedals
There's a heaviness in the air
and not just this Rickshaw passenger.

Subway ride

Nike baseball cap covered the head,
Nike bag slung over shoulders,
hunched, swaying as the train
moved between stations,
Nike and Nokia, scuffed shoes,
shuffled off, and memories
of long ago, eyes faded,
laugh lines, sad lines,
departed, gone,
wish I could talk,
find out about his life, sharing some tea.

A Bell

A bell tinkling
outside of my hotel window,
a cell phone call,
a tricycle taxi
loaded at the end of the day
who can tell these days
technology comes in many guises

No Speak Chinese

Dinner for two, and ten people
crowd around,
smiling, speaking language
we do not understand.
I try to take picture,
but everyone runs away, they are shy;
We order the food, and eat hot beef
and rice noodles,
spare ribs,
when we try to pay with credit card,
machine not work,
we just have enough to pay,
now no money, but plenty of memories.