

Xiāng Sī

Thinking of Each Other

By Wang Wei [Tang Dynasty 8th Century]

Pinyin Version

Hóng dòu shēng nán guó,
chūn lái fā jǐ zhī.
Yuàn jūn duō cǎi xié yà,
cǐ wù zuì xiāng sī.

English Translation

The red beans grow in the southland
Flourish on the branches when spring comes
Would you gather an armful, I pray
For the fond love and remembrance they express.

Chinese Text

《相思》 唐朝·王維

紅豆生南國，

春來發幾枝。

勸君多採擷，

此物最相思

General Information:

Wang Wei is a renowned poet and painter who lived from 699-759 (dates are approximate). Wang Wei was from the Han people. His poems and paintings are still known throughout China. Wang Wei's poems are learned in home and then again in school. This arrangement is one of many musical arrangements of his poem Xiāng Sī.

This is a song of remembrance. It may be sung at any time of year.