

# Yǒng é

(To Goose)

by Luò Bīnwáng (627-684 approximate)  
Tang Dynasty (618 -907)

**Pinyin Version:**

é, é, é,  
Qū xiàng xiàng tiān gē.  
Bái máo fú lǜ shuǐ,  
Hóng zhǎng bō qīng bō.

**English Translation:**

Goose goose goose  
Bend your neck towards sky and sing  
Your white feather float on the green water  
Your red foot paddle the clear waves

**Chinese Text:**

鹅，鹅，鹅，  
曲项向天歌。  
白毛浮绿水，  
红掌拨清波。

**Song Information:**

Luò Bīnwáng is one of the four prominent poets of the early Tang period. He wrote this poem when he was approximately seven years old.

This poem is learned by children all over China. The simple text makes it easy to learn, even if you do not speak Chinese. Many songs have been made to go with this poem, this version is the one that is learned in school by students.