Bard Program, 23 February 2006

For a class taught by Mercedes Dujunco John Thompson (www.silkqin.com)

1. You Lan (Secluded Orchid; standard tuning: 1 2 4 5 6 1 2; 6th c.)

No preface, but *You Lan* stories usually concern Confucius

Dating of paper and ink

Structure unlike today: 4 sections, each long, each with similar ending

Modality: many non-pentatonic notes (note *qin* tuning)

2. Jiu Kuang (Wine Made; 1425 – Shen Qi Mi Pu, most ancient section)

Triple rhythms? Duple, as *chou* in opera?

Ruan Ji drinking to avoid society

Later association with Wang Xizhi/Lanting; drinking song still later

3. Shenpin Yu Yi (Celestial Air Defining Yu Mode)

Zhi Zhao Fei (1425, standard tuning section)

Mao Minzhong and the Southern Song school

Also found in Yuzan Ji, played by Scholar Pan after he overhears Chen Miaochang

4. Feng Ru Song Ge (Wind in the Pines Song; 1511 – Taigu Yiyin)

Melody attributed to Xi Kang; lyrics by the Tang monk Jiao Ran

1511 is first qin handbook consisting of actual songs – compare Zheyin Shizi Qinpu

5. Zui Weng Yin (Old Dotard Intonation: 1539 & 1571; also other handbooks)

Su Dongbo about Ouyang Xiu

Differing approaches to song line accompaniment (opposite of ci?)

6. *Lie Nü Yin* (Exemplary Woman Prelude; 1549)

"By Fan Ji, happy that her husband, King Zhuang of Chu, listened to her advice Go through twice, the first time picking out structures

7. Yingzhong Modal Prelude (lower first, raise 5th string: 1 3 5 6 1 2 3)

Han Jie Cao (Han Credentials 1549)

Modal centers: 1 & 5 changing to 6 and 3

Su Wu in captivity: geese, chewing on a rug, leaving Li Ling, returning in honor

Alternate:

8. *Xue Chuang Ye Hua* (Evening Talk by the Snowy Window; 1549) Xie Daoyun (willow catkins blowing in a breeze, vs salt in air)

or Zhao Pu/Song emperor?