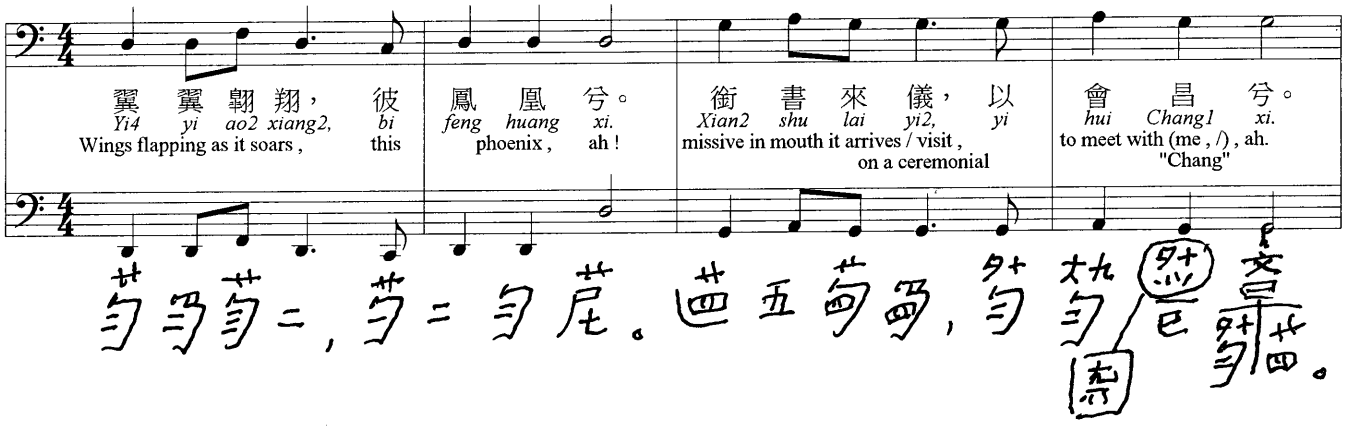
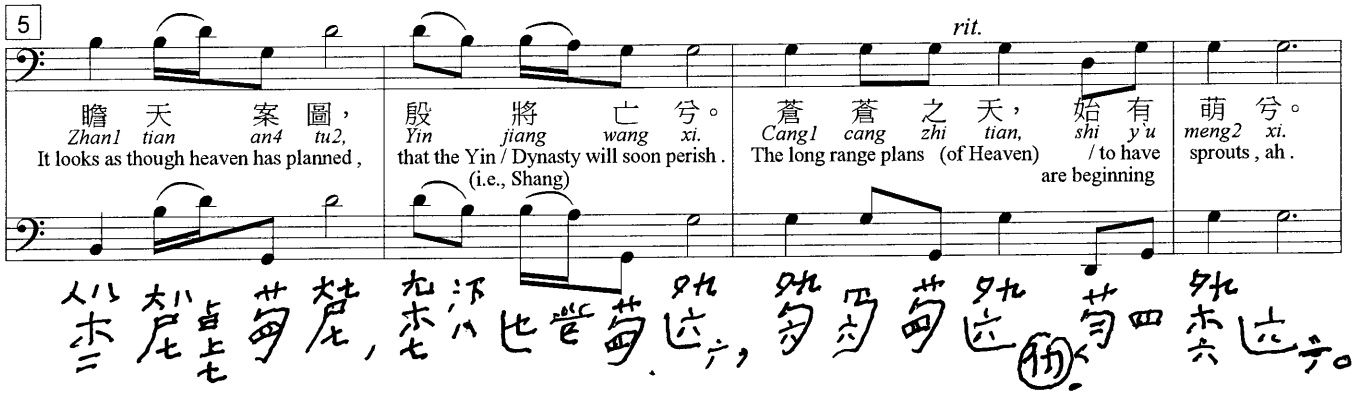
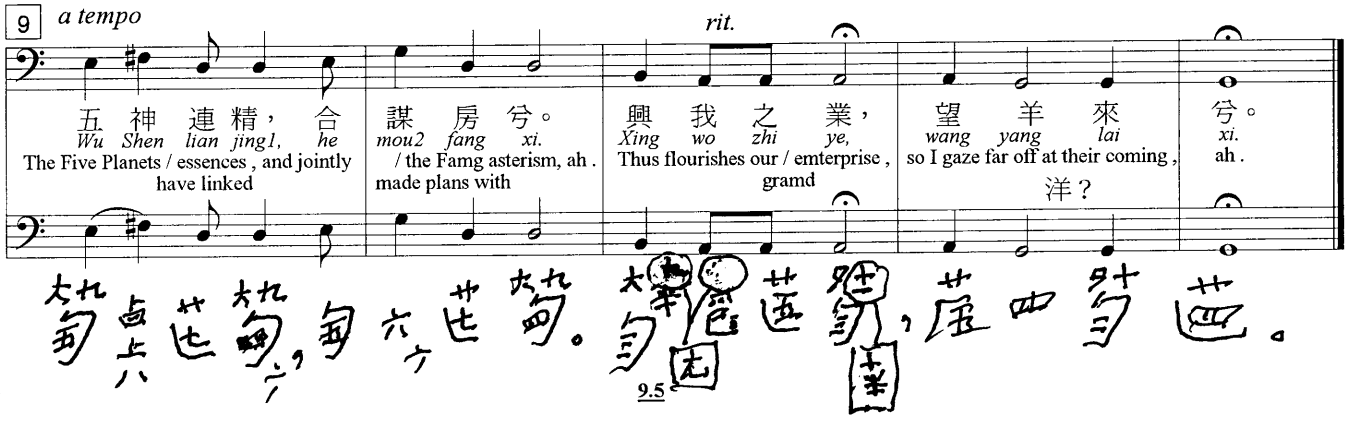
文王操
Wen Wang Cao
7. Wen Wang Melody

The 樂府 *Yue Fu* preface (p.830) is as follows. "The (old) *Qin Cao* says, Zhou (Xin 紂辛 , the last Shang ruler) was a man without Dao, so all the world's noble people submitted to Wen Wang's change (to good government). At that time unicorns were seen at 郊藪 Jiao Sou and phoenixes nested at 阿閣 A Ge. Wen Wang thought the great disorders were aout to be controlled, (and so) wrote this piece. It was (then) made into an instrumental song. 謝希逸 Xie Xiyi's *Qin Lun* says, *Wen Wang Cao* was created by Wen Wang."

Tuning: **1 2 4 5 6** 1 2
lyrics attributed to 文王 Wen Wang







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