

剋商操 Ke Shang Cao

8. Overcoming Shang Melody

太古遺音 *Taigu Yiyin* (1511);
Mode not indicated; tuning: 1 2 4 5 6 1 2

Lyrics attributed to 武王 Wu Wang (12th c. BCE);
Included in 樂府詩集 *Yuefu Shiji*

The 樂府詩集 *Yuefu Shiji* preface (p.831) is as follows.

"(This is also called 武王剋商 *Wu Wang Ke Shang*. 古今樂錄 Old and New Music Records says, 'Wu Wang overcame the Shang and so wrote this melody.' The 琴論 Qin Essay of 謝希逸 Xie Xiyi says, 'As for *Ke shang Cao*, Wu Wang wrote it at the time he overcame the Shang.' 琴集 Qin Collection says, 'As for *Wu Wang Ke Shang*, Wu Wang himself wrote it.'"

slow and free

上 告 皇 天 兮，
Shang gao huang tian xi,
Announcing up to high heaven

可 以 行 乎。
ke yi xing hu.
Can one begin?

大九 勻 = 三四 四六 弓上七。 (色) 大七 四 勻 大七 四。