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Preface by the Editor

I have known Ms. Wong several years ago by chance on facebook. Apart from our always interesting chats on various topics I always enjoyed the photos she posted and, as soon as I noticed her poems, mainly in Haiku style, I very much enjoyed some too. So I found out that Ms. Wong has a Twitter account too where her photos and poems attract a large number of followers.

Once we (and not only in Europe) had a culture when an important part of artistic activity was relegated to private homes, music and poetry flourished among what we may call devoted and skilled dilettantes. However, this artistic activity could rise to the highest level. The piano sonatas, the chamber music of Mozart, Mendelssohn's 'Songs without Words' were music for young well-educated ladies. Much of Japan's great Waka poetry was conceived by ladies of the court or retired court officials.

Ms. Wong's photos and the poems which accompany them are a modest, but highly appreciable effort by a great lady of our times to give us enjoyment and stimulate our minds and senses. I hope this book will bring these efforts, I have always enjoyed a lot, closer to many other people in the world too.

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**A girl and a camel
Surprised by their paired outfits.
A delight in rain and mist ...**

Photo: Oct 1993, Min River, Dujiangyan, ChengDu, China



**Blue sky paints the window.
The tree prints embroidery
On the red house.**

Photo: Sat 26/June/2004, Central, Hong Kong



**The rugged cape and cliff
Cabo da Roca –
“Where the land ends and the sea begins”**

**It was the edge of the world.
Man was humbled and in awe –
Only centuries ago ...**

**Howling
The raging wind**

Photo: Christmas, Sat 25/Dec/2004, Cape Roca, Portugal



**No worry: No hate,
I see you are moving on.
Feel free.**

Photo: Sun 26/Dec/2004, Vasco da Gama Bridge, Lisbon, Portugal



**When you are sad
And tears fill up your eyes
Just look up
There is a tree
Who feels your misery**

Photo: Mon 06/Oct/2008, Wakayama Castle, Japan

