## **Upstairs By A Chinese Lamp**

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Market in the cool white mornin'
Merchants sell while women buy
Milk, tobacco, soap and matches
Sweep the floor while the dishes dry

Spring whispered in her ear Like soft Mediterranean wailin'

Sleepy woman by the window Dreamin' in the morning air Of the one who takes her sweetness By a Chinese lamp upstairs

The steam of China tea
You could hear the woman sing
In the soft flames of spring

Spring has swept the scarlet side streets Winds caress, undress, invite Upstairs by a China lamp They softly talk in the cool spring night