Tao Loved His Li
Duet
(Ling, Tommy and Girls)

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Allegretto grazioso

Ling: Down in a garden, fair and scented
Ling: But the great joss his heart did harden

Li and Tao, quite contented spent their life man and wife,
drove those lovers from the garden. Tommy: Sadly they went away

no one but just they two. Tommy: Ev'rywhere enchant'd trees were plant ed,
in-to a world all new. Ling: Sorrow ful y weeping, softly creeping,

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flow-ers too, of ev-ry hue. Zing: Oh but it was gay, and so they say
gar-den through, slow-ly, till at last the spot they passed

Both: That's where the tea-tree grew. Girls: the tea-tree grew.
Both: down where the tea-tree grew. Girls: the tea-tree grew.

Tommy: When the sun was in the west and birds and flowers had gone to
Tommy: Ta-to re a branch away and bore it in his hand, they

rest, they'd sit beneath the tree, just he and she
say, 'twill grow into a tree, said he to Li, for you and

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tea. *Ling:* While the lit-tle tree sway-ed to and fro, and whirl-ing low,
me. *Ling:* That is why all Chi-na-men to-day are taught to pray,

shed its white blos-soms light on the heads of Li and Ta-o.
and to think, while they drink grate-ful thoughts of Li and Ta-o.

Tommy: Ta-o loved his Li. *Ling:* Li loved Ta-o
Tommy: Ta-o loved his Li. *Ling:* Li loved Ta-o

too. *Both:* They were hap-py there in that gar-den
more. *Both:* Though their hopes were dim and the fu-ture

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fair; trouble, sor row and care they nev er knew. Girls: They nev er knew.

grim, she was hap py with him just as be fore. Girls: Just as be fore.

Both: Ta o and his Li sipped their mag ic
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tea and their hearts were gay as they went their

way, all a lone in the gar den there to get her.

bright, just so long as they knew they were to get her.

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