

# *In His Introduction to Five Poems*

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In his introduction to five poems, Su Tung-p'o wrote:  
I got drunk and wrote five poems.

I would be clever but dishonest if,  
in the introduction to this poem, I wrote:  
I wrote a poem and got drunk five times.

Yet sometimes cleverness feels better than honesty.  
And sometimes one poem feels better than five glasses of wine.