An Interlude
Chapter 20. In a Boat

The *Unified Geography of the Realm* records:

On moonlit nights Li Bo would travel with Cui Zongzhi from Stone Quarry Jetty to Jinling. While sitting in the boat, he would wear his silk robes from the Imperial Court.¹¹⁰

This is not an American soldier ironing his ancient uniform for a VFW Post dinner, nor is it a French country priest vested as Christ’s vicar to offer mass, though both of these are indeed acts of magic. Rather it is the way snow falls in the mountains.¹¹¹