

Dear Mother

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(capo on 2nd fret)

Intro: A E

A E
Dear Mother, when I fell asleep last night
G D
I dreamed we were sitting 'neath a shade tree
A E
Your smile was so real and so bright
E A
I heard you say, "Don't worry about me."

A E
The Autumn Festival was held today
G D
Reminding me of all my precious loved ones
A E
And how we spent this joyous holiday
E A
Eating moon cakes at our family home in Dunhuang

Chorus

D A
But you are still in China, and I am overseas
E A
When will the labor camp let you come home
D A
If I could only hear some news it would put my mind at ease
E
Six months of silence fills my heart with pain
A
Oh how I long to see you once again.

A E
If you renounced your faith they'd set you free
G D
But Mother you would take a righteous stance
A E
And say that you'll believe eternally
E A
In Truth, Compassion and Forbearance

A E
Dear Mother you were always there for me
G D
How I wish that I could be there for you
A E
But our hearts are united 'cross the sea
E A
Which gives us both the strength to make it through

Repeat Chorus

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