

游子吟

yóu zǐ yín

【唐】孟郊

táng mèng jiāo

慈母手中线，
cí mǔ shǒu zhōng xiàn,

游子身上衣。
yóu zǐ shēn shàng yī。

临行密密缝，
lín xíng mì mì féng,

意恐迟迟归。
yì kǒng chí chí guī。

谁言寸草心，
shuí yán cùn cǎo xīn,

报得三春晖。
bào dé sān chūn huī。

The Wandering Son's Song

The thread from my dear mother's hand
Was sewn in the clothes of her wandering son.
For fear of my belated return,
Before my leave they were closely woven.
Who says my heart like a blade of grass
Could repay her love's gentle beams of spring sun?