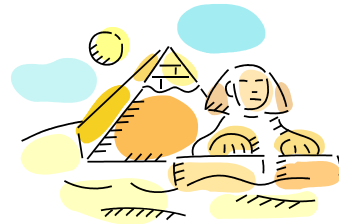


The Chinese Dynasties Song Xia to Sui

Sung to the tune of "This old man"

See <http://www.anglomaniacy.pl/song8.htm> to hear the tune.

First came Xia, oldest by far,
Over four thousand years and more,
While Egypt built pyramids and Troy
reached far,
The Chinese made characters in the
Dynasty of Xia.



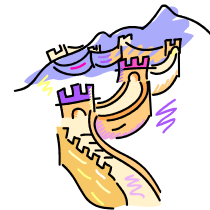
Second came Shang, next in line,
Built walled cities like Anyang,
Same time as the Trojan war gang,
Oracle bones were made for Shang.



Third was Zhou, same time as Rome,
Started three thousand years ago,
Chopsticks, coins and writing show
All the things we owe to Zhou.



Fourth was Qin, what a king,
Whole of China under his wing,
Built the Great Wall and standardising,
Fifteen years, the rule of Qin.



Fifth was Han, in which paper began,
Opened the Silk Caravan,
Caesar and Christ in Jerusalem,
All took place in the Dynasty of Han.



Sixth came Disunity, Wei Wu and Shu,
China couldn't decide who should be who.
While Rome became Christian, and was
burned too,
The struggle went on, between Wei, Wu
and Shu.



Seventh was Sui, not much to say,
Only thirty-seven years to stay,
From Beijing to Hangzhou, a riverway
The Grand Canal, built in the time of Sui.

