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THE IRON-CHAIN BRIDGE OVER THE TA TU HE RIVER #84

He crossed the Lu River in the fifth lunar month. At Ya An, the Lu Ting Bridge spans the Ta Tu He River. It was constructed with iron chain, and was over three hundred feet long. The bridge would sway and rock as the intrepid traveler cautiously made his way across. The Master headed west, passing through Ta Chien Lu, Li T'ang, and Ba T'ang; then north to Ch'a Mu Tuo. Continuing west, he passed through Shih Tu, A Lan Tuo, and La Li. The people were Han (*Chung Kuo*--Chinese), Tibetan, Mongolian, or of various tribes.

The Gatha says:

In the area of Li T'ang and Kung Ko are several spiritual mountains--
The holy land of the lamas' generational transmission.
The many races mostly follow the teachings of these lamas.
Truly sincere in their offerings and worship, they also practice dhyana.