

Pictorial Biography of Venerable Master Hsü Yün

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STRANGE SIGHT AT ERH-HAI LAKE #88

The Master started travelling back to China in the 7th lunar month. From La-shu, he went through Han-lung Pass, which is on the Yunnan border. He pressed on through Nien-ning, Ching-tung, Meng-hua, and the lower pass of Chaochou. When he got to Ta-li Fu, he saw the silvery waves of Erh-hai Lake, the booming sound of which could be heard for miles. It was intriguing. The waves resembled a white dragon, diving through the waters; leaping out of the depths, suddenly appearing and disappearing. This was remarkable scenery indeed!

Within the silvery waves of Erh-hai Lake lie some subtle secrets of nature.

The mountains' and rivers' auspiciousness displays mysterious motions.

One looks at the mind in face of this scenery, but the mind cannot be got at.

The transcendental liberation is great self-mastery!



*O Great Assembly! With sincere faith believe
That in the future Buddhas you will be,
And that I have already accomplished Buddhahood.
You should evince such faith,
Then Precepts you will fulfill.*

*All resolved beings
Should undertake the Buddha's Precepts.*

-BRAHMA NET SUTRA