

Venerable Master Hsü Yün

Composed by Venerable Master Hua
(illustration in Chinese section)

Visits Earth Store Bodhisattva Shrine on Nine Flower Mountain

After passing through the area of *hui*, and visiting *huang* (yellow) mountain, the Master travelled to *Chiu hua* (Nine flower) mountain and bowed to the stupa of Earth Store Bodhisattva, as well as that in *Pai sui* (Hundred years) temple. He paid his respects to the Venerable Master *Pao-Wu*, (Precious Enlightenment) whose practice and maintenance of the moral precepts were very strict, and therefore, whose power of concentration was of the highest order. In the past two years, the Master had travelled 10,000 miles. With the exception of his crossing the ocean by ship, he had walked every step of the way. He had crossed rivers and scaled mountains, and although the scenery changed daily, his mind was as still as the bright solitary moon suspended in the sky. He did not seem to feel the bitterness of travelling.

The Gatha says:

*With a single bowl he begged for alms past one thousand households;
A lonely body drifting along on a ten thousand mile walk.
To be sovereign and at ease is the true experience.
The Master diligently bowed his respects and inquired about DHUTA practices.*