

采蓮詞

蓮華蓮葉滿池塘，不但花香水亦香；
姊妹折時休折盡，留花幾朵護鴛鴦。

—— 清 王淑



Girls Gathering Lotuses

— Wang Shu (Qing Dynasty)



Lotus flowers and leaves fill the pond.

The blossom are fragrant, so is the water,

When the girls gather flowers, they don't pick them all;

They leave a few to shade the ducks and drakes who live below.