

# Great Big Wall In China

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You can tell a flower to bloom  
On the other side of the moon  
But for you and me it's hard to see her glory in the sun  
Even if she climbs high into an ashen sky  
A fading light for out of sight  
will signal her blooming day

So a spaceship we must build  
Set off from our window sill  
The journey's long to carry on, especially in the dark  
Even if we ask a distant star where the blooming flowers are  
She may shoot us back on her jumbled ray  
To the land from whence we came  
But from space we'll see

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Built it up to the pearly gates  
I wanna land right beside her  
Hither come what may

The storyteller stands  
Upon the city gate and says,  
"I too have seen a coming dream  
I talked to stars  
Got close to mars, and  
Got shot back to where we are  
I wish all could see what I have seen  
The trembling light of a distant flower in the night"

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Gotta take down the banner boys  
Hope it's not too late