

A woman in a red dress is performing on stage. She is standing in profile, facing right, and has a pink flower in her hair. The background is dark with blue and purple stage lights. A microphone stand is in front of her.

Chinese Song

with Suyuan Li (Ivy)

Suyuan Li, who also goes by Ivy, is a professionally trained singer who enjoys performing both Chinese and Italian opera, as well as Chinese traditional singing. For her video performance, Ivy chose to sing “Song Bie” (“Farewell”), which has been a beloved song in China for many years.

- Information on “Song Bie” ([Wikipedia](#))
- Original English recording of “Dreaming of Home and Mother” ([YouTube](#))
- Animated children’s video of “Song Bie” ([YouTube](#))
- Chinese folk song performances demonstrating different emotions and moods: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#)

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Traditional Chinese music is based upon the pentatonic scale, as a means to promote beautiful, clear melodies, without an emphasis on rhythm or harmony. Many Chinese folk songs share these qualities.

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