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Translation of certain terms and geographic names

60 JiaZi & Gregorian years

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甲子年 JiaZi Year

詩曰:

太歲甲子年,水潦損田疇。 蠶姑雖即喜,耕夫不免愁。 桑柘無人採,高低禾稻收。 春夏多淹浸,秋冬少滴流。 吳楚桑麻好,齊燕禾麥稠。 陸種無成實,鼠雀共啾啾。

A poem goes:

God of the year is JiaZi, flooding water damaging fields and cultivated land. Silkworms for the time being, however flourishing well.

Mulberry trees no people to pluck, ups and downs in harvesting rice. In Spring and Summer often flooding and soaking, Autumn and Winter sparse precipitation.

Land inwards cultivating achieving nothing real, rats sparrows and small birds generally chirping and children wailing. In Wu and Chu hemp and sesame well, altogether enjoy thick grain and cereal.

少種空心草,多種老婆顏。 白鶴土中渴,黄龍水底眠。 雖然桑葉茂,綢絹不成錢。

The divination says:

Lacking seeds and hollow straws, many seeds appearing like old wives [shrivelled]. The white crane thirsty in the middle of the land, the Huanglong county hibernates below the water. Eventhough the foliage of the mulberry trees is luxuriant, the silk is thin and will not yield money.

乙丑年 YiChou Year

詩曰:

太歲乙丑年,春瘟害萬民。 偏傷於魯楚,多損魏燕人。 高田宜早種,<u>晚禾</u>成八分。 蠶娘爭鬥走,枝葉亂紛紛。 漁父沿山釣,流郎陌上巡。 牛羊多瘴死,春夏米如珍。

A poem goes:

God of the year is YiChou,

epidemic in Spring harms all of the people.

More injuries and harsh sufferings,

often harming the outlook and the comfort of the people.

On elevated fields should cultivate early,

the grain ripens one eighth later.

Silkworms women struggling and going out,

branch and leaf in disorder continuosly.

The father fishing for fishes along the edges of the mountains,

the minister is sent to exile making his rounds in the rice fields.

Cattle and sheep often die because of pestilent vapours, in Spring and Summer rice is precious.

水牯田頭卧, 犢子水中眠。 桑葉初生貴, 三伏不成錢。 有人解言語, 種植倍收全。

The divination says:

The Waterox lies his head down in the fields, the calf sleeps within the water.

The sprouting foliage of the mulberry trees is precious, mid July to late August unable to make a coin. People separate because of their words and language, plant more/double to receive enough.

丙寅年 BingYin year

詩曰:

太歲丙寅年,蟲獸沿林走。 疾疫多憂煎,燕子居山岩。 牛羊宿高荒,蝦魚入庭瀆。 燕魏桑麻貴,荊楚禾稻厚。

A poem goes:

God of the year is BingYin, insects and beasts roam throughout [leave] the forests. Sicknesses and plagues often let worries boil, the swallows reside in the cliffs of the mountains. Cattle and sheep lodge in high desolate areas, shrimp and fish enter the drain of the courtyard. Yan's mulberry trees, hemp and flax are valuable, In Zhou and Chu the rice is thick and deep.

桑葉初賤不賣錢,蠶娘無分卻相煎。 魚行人道豆麻少,晚禾焦枯多不全。 貧兒乏糧相對哭,只愁米穀貴當年。

The divination says:

The mulberry trees foliage basically despicable not making money,

silkworm mother not leaving nevertheless frowning. Fish circulating among the people beans hemp flax lacking, late grain scorched and dried up often not enough. Poor children short of grain weeping at each other, only worry about expensive rice and grain in this year.

丁卯年 DingMao year

詩曰:

太歲丁卯年,猶米得時豐。 春來多雨水,旱涸在秋冬。 農夫相對泣,耕種枉施工。 魯魏桑麻實,梁宋麥苗空。

A poem goes:

God of the year is DingMao, just the time to harvest rice in abundance. Spring season arrives with a lot of rain and water, drought and dried up in Autumn and Winter. Farmers mutually sobbing, tilling and cultivating useless also the work put into the fields.

Mulberry and hemp and flax trees Lu and Wei solid, Liang and Song wheat sprouts empty.

桑葉不值錢,種禾秋有厄。 低田多不收,高田還本獲。 宜下空心草,黄龍卧山陌。

The divination says:

Downwards the grass should be void, in Shaanxi crouching on the mountain roads. The lower fields often not receiving, the high fields yet obtain roots. Foliage of the mulberry trees of little value, the cultivated grain will have distress in Autumn.