

# **At the heart of this city - on anti-WTO Movement in Hong Kong**

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please please sleep tight and tranquilly  
at the heart of this city  
in this chilly midnight  
faraway, in the dream with fragrant of rice  
though this heart can beat no more

sleepless night, tear bombs brightly lit up  
the sky above, brighter and brighter  
we can see stars no more  
yet we have never really seen them

by the rite of three steps and a bow  
gongs and drums, songs and dances  
you have tried to awaken the spirit  
beneath the tar, at the heart of the earth  
everything got its own name there  
flowers in smile, butterflies in ecstasy

please don't say love is nil  
before and after please don't say  
nothing of love has ever came true  
to say we have never meet each other  
before the day comes please don't forgo  
and please don't forget

tonight, let the fire illuminates us  
let's see into each other  
enclosing our world  
beyond the reach of the world  
and please please sleep tight and tranquilly  
at the heart, at the heart of this city

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