# Week commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September



## Nostalgia

By Yu Kwang-chung (a Taiwanese writer and poet)

When I was little, nostalgia was a small stamp.

I am on this side, and my mother, on the other.

After I grew up, nostalgia was a thin boat ticket.

I am on this side, and my bride, on the other.

As I aged, nostalgia was buried tomb.

I am outside, and my mother, inside.

And now, nostalgia is a narrow strait.

I am on this side, and the mainland, on the other.

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長大後 鄉愁是一張窄窄的船票鄉愁是一張窄 我在这頭 新娘在那頭 後来啊

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鄉愁是一才矮矮的境鄉愁是一才矮恕我在外頭我在外頭母親在東頭 母親在東頭 而现在 那然是一湾浅浅的海山柳愁是一湾浅淡

## Yu Kwang-chung

### **About the poet**

- Born in China in 1928
- Fled to Taiwan in 1950 after the Communist victory in the Chinese Civil War
- Worked as a university professor
- Published 17 collections of poetry
- Died in Sanmin in Taiwan in 2017

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#### **About the poem**

- How do you feel after reading it?
- Which lines or words resonated with you and why?
- What would you say the main theme of this poem is?