

THE POET LI PO

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27 x 28.5
cm.

PAINTING IN COLORS ON SILK

Li Po or Li T'ai-po of the eighth century, the most celebrated poet of China, in intoxicated slumber. In his anacreontic mood he dropped the fan from his hand. In the legend inscribed on the picture it is said, "A thousand days of intoxication won him glory for ten thousand years," alluding to the inspiration he derived from wine and the high esteem in which he is still held.

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