

# Lai

## Debating No-Go to Incarnating

Why reincarnate??  
I will contemplate.  
Should go?

If I should negate--  
and deliberate  
say no

I'll not propagate  
or illuminate.  
Who'd know?

I'll not re-create  
or disseminate  
below

I'll not animate  
or chi activate  
if whoa!

Should I re-locate?  
Choose to elevate  
to glow?

Should I just stagnate?  
Not participate?  
Bestow?

Can I extricate?  
Really hesitate  
to sow?

I'll communicate  
and complicate  
just so.

Can I hibernate  
not participate  
in flow?

Can I abdicate  
not associate  
not show?

Should I emigrate  
and accommodate?  
Heigh-ho?

Should I delegate  
or negotiate  
depot?

Will I vacillate  
still perpetuate  
plateau?

I'm no candidate.  
Can't appreciate  
or crow.

Can I designate?  
Will aggravate  
bureau?

I might deviate.  
Could I devastate  
with woe?

Can I generate  
and still congregate  
and so

help to circulate  
in realms fortunate  
to grow?

Will I advocate  
not equivocate,  
forego?

From the Golden Gate  
to Earth's flood-gate--  
I owe?

Please emancipate!  
Let me innovate  
sigh "Oh!"

Some thoughts fascinate  
as hopes emanate  
halo.

Go incognito  
bring imbroglia  
to-fro?

Can I acclimate?  
And accommodate  
yoyo.

Be compassionate  
or cultivate  
to mow.

Will I educate  
to facilitate  
ego?

Can I regulate  
as thoughts fluctuate  
high/low?

Can I extricate  
or accelerate  
git-go?

Can I illustrate  
this life's template  
foreshow?

Can I meditate  
to eradicate  
shadow?

Now is it to late?  
What makes it so great  
to go?

Time--evaporate  
Grace exonerate  
life's blow?

When I can think straight  
will I take the bait  
and know?

Can I motivate?  
Will I activate  
too slow?

Good lives correlate  
memories relate--  
mellow

Past lives irritate  
I've become irrate  
bellow.

Can I choose my fate  
to proliferate  
and grow?

In this altered state  
eternal debate--  
Fog-bow.

Can I liberate?  
Doubts dissipate  
rainbow?

What lofty cognate  
can truly abate  
this throe?

I cooperate  
or I operate  
in tow?

Ameliorate?  
or alienate?  
Just row?

I'll pontificate  
while I'm still stellate  
in-glow.

I feel so pupate.  
I can't foliate  
or grow.

To freely create  
what's truly innate?  
Foreknow?

Just invigorate?  
Life's inviolate.  
Oh-oh!

Go. Expatriate.  
You'll reverberate  
so-so?

There is no rebate  
if I incarnate.  
No-go?

What is my mandate?  
Should I start clean slate?  
'Hello?

Lai:

French form. It has only two syllable counts  
and two rhymes. All the 5-syllable couplets  
rhyme. All the 2-syllable single lines rhyme.

They are three-line stanzas.  
5a-5a-2b. Remember that is through the  
entire poems.