

hǎo yì duǒ měi lì de mò lì huā,
好 一 朵 美 丽 的 茉 莉 花,

What a beautiful jasmine



hǎo yì duǒ měi lì de mò lì huā,
好 一 朵 美 丽 的 茉 莉 花,

What a beautiful jasmine

fēn fāng měi lì mǎn zhī yā,
芬 芳 美 丽 满 枝 丫,

Sweet and beautiful all over branch

yòu xiāng yòu bái rén rén kuā.
又 香 又 白 人 人 夸。

Fragrant and white loved by all

ràng wǒ lái jiāng nǐ zhāi xià,
让 我 来 将 你 摘 下,

Let me pick you down

sòng gěi bié rén jiā.
送 给 别 人 家。

Send you to my lover

mò lì huā, mò lì huā.
茉 莉 花, 茉 莉 花。

Jasmine, jasmine



The background of the song



Molihua (The jasmine) is a famous folk song originating from the region in south of the lower Yangtze River of China. It has several different versions. Although the lyric of every version is similar, which reflects the pure love between young men and women, the melody of every version differs with distinctive feature. Generally speaking, the melody is elegant and conveys deep emotion. The selected version is sung by the children.

This Chinese folk song enjoys great popularity all over the world and often appears on the important international occasions such as: The sovereignty handing over ceremony for Hong Kong and Macao's return to China; The APEC conference hold in Shanghai. In the film made for the 2008 Olympic games bid, which is conducted by the famous Chinese movie director-Zhang Yimou, the melody of ***Molihua*** is presented over 10 times. The American artists have adapted it into Saxophone tune, which is fashionable all over the world. An Italian opera composer (1885-1929) took ***Molihua*** as the music element in the famous opera Toranto. Furthermore, ***Molihua*** has been sent to the space along with the American spacecraft as a gift for the outer space sent by the globe.

Molihua has once again conveyed the wish of peace and happiness of the human kind and enjoyed ardent applause.

Now, would you like to have a try to learn this sweet-sounding song?