yóu zǐ yín
游子吟

Song of a Travelling Son

méng jiāo
孟郊

cí mǔ shǒu zhōng xiàn
慈母手中线，
A thread in the hands of a loving mother

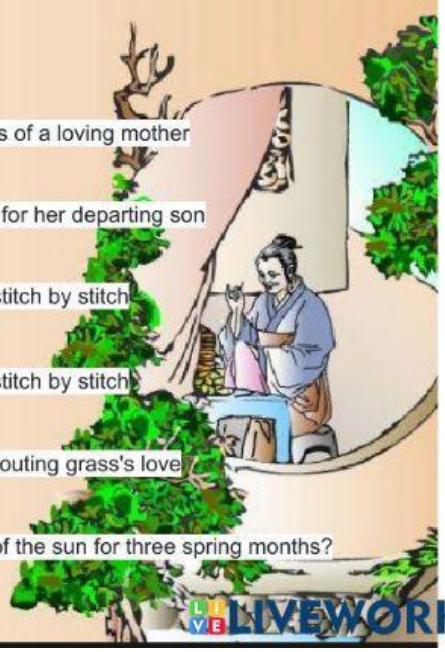
yóu zǐ shēn shàng yī
游子身上衣。
Is made into clothes for her departing son

lín xíng mì mì féng
临行密密缝，
Carefully she sews stitch by stitch

yì kǒng chí chí guī
意恐迟迟归。
Carefully she sews stitch by stitch

shuí yán cùn cǎo xīn
谁言寸草心，
How can the tiny sprouting grass's love

bào de sān chūn huī
报得三春晖。
repay the kindness of the sun for three spring months?



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