

CHOY MAY-CHU (see True Light Old Girls)

In 2017 my old classmate Choi May-Chu replied to my Christmas card with her painting of lotuses and herons. I liked the painting and it gave me the idea that I could use her artwork to create music videos for my "FOUR SONGS" - a song cycle of the pang of love. May-Chu sent me many of her artworks and photos, painted new works for me, and supplied inspiration, such as the shadow motif in the 4th song "DRINKING ALONE". I included my own video clips to enhance motion.

Please see:

<https://www.howaion.co.uk/videos/video4songs.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTYDA5sbmMdfHWs754KxTFNV-mOVw2Q6a>

Though May-Chu and I didn't do much together in school, I admired her beauty, her charm and her talents. The above photo is how we remember each other's faces. When we reconnected in 2017, we are both much battered by the vicissitudes of life and unrecognizable.

May-Chu has suffered from mental illness for long years. This affects her

life greatly. She told me she feared Christianity. Apparently, a devout Christian friend kept telling her of God's punishment, hell...

She said to me: “Looking back now, my life can be said to be chaotic, almost crazy... I live in all kinds of fantasies, and fortunately or unfortunately, they all come true one by one... there were so many exciting moments in the past... but there are many "dark" aspects... Yesterday I went to buy a small alarm clock. I met a lady who lived alone upstairs and told me that there was a wall clock with a non-swinging pendulum. The autobiography I want to write is named after this. It is a metaphor for my situation.” May-Chu then started to send me short paragraphs about her life. She asked me to keep them for her, and to send them back when she has a computer. That was in 2019. Then she stopped writing or replying, and I have not heard from her since.

The top image is May-Chu's “Hong Kong at Night”; then “Milky Way” specially painted for me; then “Donkey”. The Chinese painting at the end was also painted for me. I used all these images in my “FOUR SONGS” music videos.