

## Mirror Sestet

Lotus Lantern Festival 2011 Seoul, South Korea

*20,000 lanterns for Buddha's 2555<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration*

Light lanterns, brighten the night.  
Night strung with colorful paper lantern light.  
Candlelit lanterns parade, orbs of light fit.  
Fit shapes of lotus, stupas, elephants all candlelit.  
Make your own lanterns hang them high, take  
them to Jogye temple. Rubbings of Buddhist shapes make.

Shapes of lanterns- lotus, dragon drapes  
drapes are octagonal or bell-shapes.  
Parade your lantern, disperse with a shade.  
Shade not needed—glow on parade.  
Proceed with joy, devote light to a good deed.  
Deed light to dark parts of world, with light proceed.

( Rhymed version)

### Traditions of Lantern Making

Traditional Buddhist lanterns have more than 40 different shapes.  
Shapes of fruits and animals as well as lotus flowers are traditional.  
Carefully crafted lanterns give different feel with different materials.  
Materials like silk and paper are selected carefully.  
Shapes and patterns carry different meanings.  
Meanings of health, longevity, bountiful harvest come with shapes.

Korean culture imparts through patterns and paper.  
Paper called hanji is dyed paper with sophisticated patterns- all Korean.  
Children carry battery-charged lotus lanterns.  
Lanterns with a light-up wand, a favorite of children.  
Buddha's birthday is a National Holiday with lanterns on parade.  
Parade the lighted lanterns carried my many faiths for Buddha.

(Unrhymed Version)

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One or more stanzas of 6 lines each. Can be rhymed or unrhymed.

If unrhymed there is no first and last word rhyming.

The 1<sup>st</sup> word of line 1 rhymes with the last word of line 1.

The 1<sup>st</sup> word in line 2 is the last word of line 1,

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The first word of line 3 rhymes with the last word in line 3.

The first word of line 4 is the last word of line 3.

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The first word of line 5 rhymes with the last word of line 5.

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