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"Autumn winds are blowing,
White clouds dot the sky,
Yellow leaves are falling,
Wild geese southward fly."

Han Emperor Wu, 157-87 B.C.



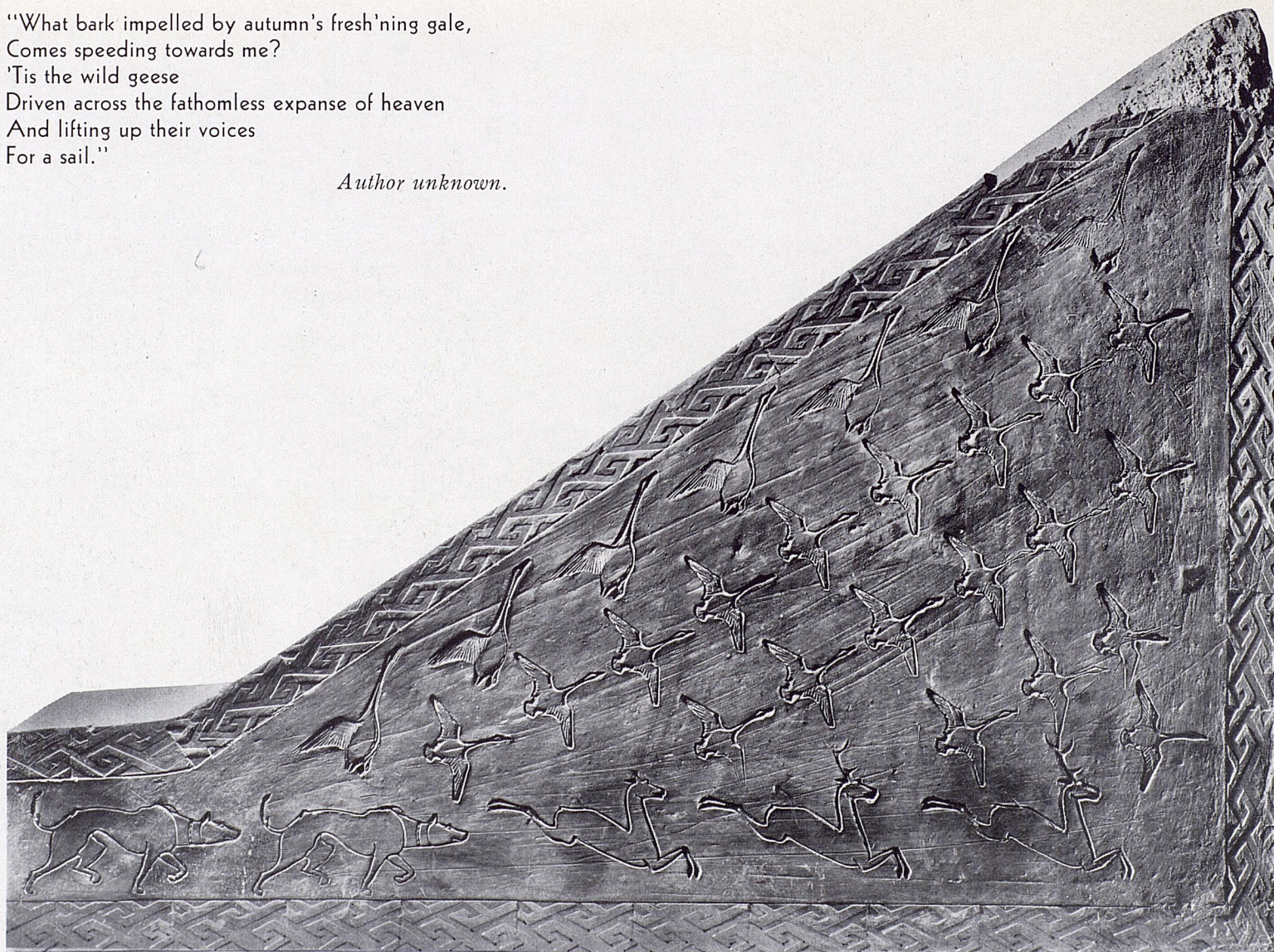
Frontispiece A

Section of rectangular pottery tile, with pigments of white and red applied to parts of the design. Stylized horses, trees, and flying geese, with formal border design. Height 1 foot, 9 inches.
(*Chapter VI, Plate CXVIII.*)

(*This tile was presented to the Royal Ontario Museum by Messrs Yamanaka & Co., New York.*)

"What bark impelled by autumn's fresh'ning gale,
Comes speeding towards me?
'Tis the wild geese
Driven across the fathomless expanse of heaven
And lifting up their voices
For a sail."

Author unknown.



Frontispiece B

Triangular tile of grey pottery. Flying geese, hunting dogs, and bounding deer, with formal border.
(*Cp. Plates VII-XII.*)

Length 3 feet 6 inches, height 2 feet 8 inches.

CHRONOLOGICAL OUTLINE

B. North China.

1. Northern Wei 386-535.
(Influence not apparent until after 420.)
2. Eastern Wei 534-550.
3. Western Wei 535-557.
4. Northern Ch'i 550-577.
5. Northern Chou 557-581.

C. United China.

Sui 581-618.

T'ANG DYNASTY A.D. 618-907.

SUNG PERIODS A.D. 907-1368 (including the Five Dynasties (907-960), the Tartar Dynasties (907-1234), and the Yüan Dynasty (1280-1368). The Tartar groups, whose influence prevailed in the North, paralleled chronologically several of the other dynasties.)

I. *Sung One* A.D. 907-1127.

- A. The Five Dynasties A.D. 907-960 (the Posterior Liang, T'ang, Chin, Han, and Chou Dynasties).
- B. Liao (Ch'i Tan) Tartars 907-1125 (Far North).
- C. Western Liao Tartars 1125-1168 (Far North).
- D. Northern Sung Dynasty 960-1127.

II. *Sung Two* A.D. 1127-1368.

- A. Chin (Golden) Nü Chên Tartars 1115-1234 (North China).
- B. Southern Sung Dynasty 1127-1280 (South China).
- C. Yüan or Mongol Dynasty 1280-1368 (Unified China). Although the Mongols had established themselves in Northern China for nearly 80 years, it was not until 1280 that Kublai Khan was actually seated on the throne of China.

MING DYNASTY A.D. 1368-1644.

CH'ING DYNASTY A.D. 1644-1911.

THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA A.D. 1911-

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