

Re: Wasting our Freedom

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On Mon, Sep 17, 2007 at 08:25:14AM -0700, David Schwartz wrote:

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"Is there not promise of rain?" Ling Tan asked suddenly out of the darkness. There had been need of rain for many days.
"Only a promise," Lao Er said.
Pearl S. Buck – Dragon Seed

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