

**M158**  
**A song of Nzyu-fa-lao.**

***Singer not recorded.***

The people all say,  
Say of the youth, Nzyu-fa-lao,  
That Nzyu-fa-lao went to qualify as a shaman-healer.

5       Nzyu-fa-lao the great shaman-healer,  
Went among the people, crossing everywhere.  
Nzyu-fa-lao the great shaman-healer,  
Went among the people reaching every place.

10       A great shaman-healer might stay awhile and come back,  
The great shaman-healer, Nzyu-fa-lao, could not come back.  
But then the great shaman-healer, Nzyu-fa-lao, did return and arrived.

Nzyu-fa-lao's children could not wait,  
And though Nzyu-fa-lao's children went out constantly to look,  
Nzyu-fa-lao's children could not see him coming.  
But today the great shaman-healer, Nzyu-fa-lao, has returned and arrived.

15       Nzyu-fa-lao took the children and went to practise his art.  
Nzyu-fa-lao's children were thirsty for water.

So Nzyu-fa-lao went requesting water,  
Requesting it in the Zhong-jia woman's lands,  
But the Zhong-jia woman was unwilling.

20       So Nzyu-fa-lao went requesting water,  
Requesting it in the Chinese woman's lands,  
But the Chinese woman was unwilling.

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25       When tomorrow came,  
A deer stealthily arrived,  
The man, the fierce one, was not at home,  
Only the woman, the fierce one, was at home.

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A great shaman-healer might stay awhile and come back,  
The great shaman-healer, Nzyu-fa-lao, could not come back.

30       When Nzyu-fa-lao's children died,  
The people took Nzyu-fa-lao's children and lit a fire,  
They took Nzyu-fa-lao's children and burned them.

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When earth-people died,  
Nzyu-fa-lao was unable to raise them.

35      When earth-people died,  
Nzyu-fa-lao could not raise them.

When sky-people died,  
They could not be raised,  
But, of old, when earth-people died,  
Nzyu-fa-lao did raise them.