

Plum Blossoms in the Snow

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(capo on 2nd fret)

Intro F G C C

C G
At the turning of the season, in that somber time of year
Dm F C
When bone-chilled, weary people long for spring
C G
A sign of life renewed arrives, bringing hope and cheer
Dm F C
From Washington to Paris to Beijing
Am G
The plum tree's delicate and small, ignored when all is green
Dm F C
Humble in the heat of summer sun
Am G
But in the barren cold its flowers burst upon the scene
Dm F C
Proclaiming a new season has begun
F G Am
Oh, winter's back is broken, though the northern winds still blow,
F G C
Plum blossoms in the snow.

Am Am GG Am Am C GG

C G
A refugee from China, with her daughter in her arms
Dm F C
Steadfast in days so bleak and nights so long
C G
Pays tribute to her husband and tells how he came to harm,
Dm F C
Murdered 'cause he practiced Falun Gong
Am G
Now to this martyr's mission, his wife has remained true
Dm F C
Explaining to the people 'round the world
Am G
Just what the broken families in China must go through
Dm F C
When moms and dads are tortured, jailed and killed

F G Am
The seeds of justice that she plants will germinate and grow
F G C
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Am Am GG Am Am C GG

C G
The glory that was China, is fading by the hour
Dm F C
Mammon worshiped on the dingy street
C G
The best are found in prisons when the worst are wielding power
Dm F C
The ancient culture forced into retreat
Am G
But wintertime has run its course, the plum trees are in bloom
Dm F C
People turn their faces to the sky
Am G
The good are blessed, the evil crushed, the sun breaks through the gloom
Dm F C
The ordeal's over, peaceful days are nigh
F G Am
Myriad flowers dot the land, their treasures to bestow,
F G C
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Am Am GG Am Am C GG FF G Am Am F G CC