

ODE MACHINE 2 (Karlgren 235) Each line is one breath. Where no line is drawn the singer improvises one. Begin simultaneously with the first sentence of the chanting and end about the same time as the last composition. Tempo 100%

(1) KING WEN IS ON HIGH, OH HE SHINES IN HEAVEN. CHOU

THOUGH IT IS AN OLD STATE, YET THE MANDATE DESCENDS ON IT AFRESH. THE HOUSE OF CHOU

HAS IT NOT PROSPERED? SO GOD'S MANDATE WAS IT NOT TIMELY? KING WEN ASCENDS

AND DESCENDS, HE SITS NEXT TO GOD, ON HIS LEFT AND ON HIS RIGHT. (2) VIGOROUS VIGOROUS KING

WEN, HIS GOOD FAME COMES NOT TO AN END. COPIOUSLY ENDOWED INDEED WAS THE HOUSE OF CHOU,

BE-HOLD KING WEN HIS GRANDSONS AND HIS SONS, KING WEN HIS GRANDSONS AND HIS SONS,

THEY ARE THE TRUNK AND BRANCHES FOR A HUNDRED GENERATIONS. ALL THE OFFICERS OF CHOU HAVE COVERED THEMSELVES

WITH GLORY GENERATION AFTER GENERATION. (3) FOR GENERATIONS THEY HAVE COVERED THEMSELVES WITH GLORY, THEIR PLANS

THEY HAVE LAID CAREFULLY CAREFULLY, THOUGHTFUL ARE THE MANY OFFICERS BORN TO

THIS KINGDOM. THIS KINGDOM GAVE THEM BIRTH, THE KINGDOM OF CHOU HAS

THEIR SUPPORT. STATELY STATELY ARE HIS MANY OFFICERS; KING WEN CAN REST IN PEACE.

(4) AUGUST AUGUST KING WEN, OH CONTINUOUSLY WAS HE BRIGHT

AND REVERENT. GREAT INDEED WAS HEAVEN'S MANDATE. FOR THERE WAS SHANG, HIS GRANDSONS AND HIS SONS.