

## Zen Flower Series

I come to this land  
to spread Buddha's Dharma to the confused sentient beings.  
One flower opens with five petals  
and bears fruit naturally.

- Bodhidharma (1st Patriarch, ?-536)

吾本来兹土，  
传法渡迷情。  
一花开无叶，  
结果自然成。

Because there is the land  
we can plant the flower.  
The seed never existed,  
the flower was never generated.

- Hui Ke (2nd Patriarch, 486-593)

本来缘有地，  
因地种花生。  
本来无有种，  
花亦不曾生。

Flower seed grows because of the land.  
It is from the land the flower grows.  
No one plants the seed,  
The land has no flower generated.

- Seng Can (3rd Patriarch, 500-606)

花种虽因地，  
从地种花生。  
若无人下种，  
花地尽无生。

Flower seed has the growing nature.  
Because of the land the flower grows.  
The Buddha nature connects with the grand karma,  
when growing there is no growth.

- Dao Xin (4th Patriarch, 580-651)

花种有生性，  
因地花性生。  
大缘与性合，  
当生生不生。

The sentient plants the seed,  
the land generates fruit.  
No sentient and no seed,  
no nature and nothing was generated.

- Hong Ren (5th Patriarch, 601-674)

有情来下种，  
因地果还生。  
无情亦无种，  
无性亦无生。

The heart land contains various seeds,  
they all grow after the rain.  
Suddenly enlightened and the flower of the sentient is gone,  
the Bodhi fruit naturally emerged.

- Hui Neng (6th Patriarch, 638-713)

心地含诸种，  
普雨悉皆萌。  
顿悟花情已，  
菩提果自成。