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*Ch'ing-shui: Solitary
and Destitute*

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A monk said to Ts'ao-shan, "I am Ch'ing-shui, solitary and destitute. Please give me alms."

Ts'ao-shan said, "Venerable Shui!"

Ch'ing-shui said, "Yes, sir!"

Ts'ao-shan said, "You have already drunk three cups of the finest wine in China, and still you say that you have not moistened your lips."

WU-MEN'S COMMENT

Ch'ing-shui is submissive in manner, but what is his real intention? Ts'ao-shan has the eye and thoroughly discerns what Ch'ing-shui means. Tell me, where and how has Ch'ing-shui drunk wine?

WU-MEN'S VERSE

*With the poverty of Fan-tan
and the spirit of Hsiang-yü,
though he can hardly sustain himself,
he dares to compete with the other for wealth.*