

Appendix I

A Chronology of Chinese History and Corresponding Literary Periods for Major Poetic Genres

Dynasty		Dates	Corresponding literary periods for major poetic genres ¹	
Xia		Ca. 2100-1600 BC		
Shang		1600-1066 BC		
Western Zhou		1066-771 BC	<i>Shijing</i>	
Eastern Zhou	Spring and Autumn	770-476BC	<i>Chuci</i>	
	Warring States	475-221BC		
Qin		221-206BC	<i>Guti</i>	
Western Han		206 BC-23 AD		
Eastern Han		25-220		
Three Kingdoms	Wei	220-265		
	Shu	221-263		
	Wu	222-280		
Western Jin		265-316		
Eastern Jin		317-420		
Southern and Northern Dynasty	Southern Dynasty	420-589		
	Northern Dynasty	386-581		
Sui		581-618		
Tang		618-907		<i>Jinti</i>
Five Dynasties		907-960		
Song	Northern Song	960-1127		<i>Ci</i>
	Southern Song	1127-1279		
Liao		907-1125		
Western Xia		1032-1227		
Jin		1115-1234		
Yuan		1279-1368		
Ming		1368-1644		
Qing		1644-1911		
The Kuomintang Party		1912-1949		
People's Republic of China		1949-the present		

¹ Two notes are in order. First, for relevance reason, only the five major poetic genres are presented. Other literary genres such as prose, fiction, drama are omitted. Second, the boundaries between the literary genres are in fact not as clear-cut as presented here, but are rather blurry.