

ASIAN STUDENT RETREAT

The first Asians came to this
country in the 1850's...
We came on clouds of hope
as we left our homelands in Asia.
We came seeking a better life
as we journeyed across the sea.
We came to the Golden Mountain
as we landed in California.
We went to the gold fields
as we looked for employment.
We stayed in the promised land
as there was no way back.
We were imprisoned in camps
as we were exiled as a race.
We watched in the land of promised
brotherhood
as we were Asian - non-whites.
We watched in the land of opportunity
and we still wait.

Steve Wong



When I went on the retreat I felt like I went home because all the Asians were there together. I felt like I was in Hong Kong again except the language was different because I was in the United States.





you look at
me
and i wince
my eyes,
hair
and face speak
instead of my mind.
can't you see?
i too
feel, see, and hurt
like you
an individual

Marilyn Mar



....Yet some young Asian Americans are now beginning to rediscover their true identity and history....