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My love?

If that is your wish, then I will go. But listen to me first – I must have my say. Almost from the day we met, I was plagued by doubt. When I first came to the red house in the west I almost did not come in. And when Greenie proposed marriage between us I again felt it was not right, but I ignored those feelings. Then Fa Hai came and those doubts were reawakened. After the Dragon Boat Festival I don't believe I was completely fooled by you and Greenie, but again, I ignored those doubts and allowed myself to be blinded to your true nature. But now, I have seen with my own eyes what you did for me at the Golden Monastery and I have no doubt at all.

I have no doubt that no man has ever been loved as I have been loved. I have no doubt that I know you as you truly are; I have no doubt that you are, in fact, partly a snake, partly a spirit; and I ask you to forgive me for ever doubting you at all.

Whatever world is yours, I want that world. Please, say that you forgive me for my weakness and my blindness that made you feel you had to hide; and take me home, wherever that may be.