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## Hong Kong's Lost and Found

Lost: Castle Peak Bay fisheries ironed over by metal rises  
"reclaimed" is the refrain

Found: snowy moon cakes with mango fill-in  
Evolving tradition or mongrel emissions?

Lost: 1960's female factory workers who sewed to keep city hearth strong  
Garment District in Central extinct

Found: 2009 female office workers who are barren  
.97 is not enough!

Lost: British colonialism of the mind and body  
"No dogs or Chinese" the British signs say

Found: Chinese neocolonialism of the mind and body  
"No democracy, learn Putonghua" Beijing says

Lost: 3 month old baby sailing off to US for the Midwest  
Awash in the Occident

Found: 33 year old woman first time returning, to see what she can  
excavate in the Orient

## Hong Kong Symphony

*Snarling, croaking, reading red box rolling*  
*Hiss, murmur, doors clacking*  
*Wush wush scream: jealous black air- biting me*  
*Rhythmic rumblings, tires screeching*

*Masked Crowds howling; plates shouting*  
*Plop pop. Fizz,*  
*Suited Warrior Deluge: Wrestling, nudging,*  
*"cacophonous "ai ya!": yapping waaaaaas*  
*slurp, crash, muu-aah, moa-aaah*

*Crescendo cells Crying , clanging*  
*"Néih hóu: Hello: Hola: Umsh bzi: Wei*  
*Bonjour: Namasté: Guten Tag: Mabuhay*  
*Foiled forked tongues: staccato, diminuendo*

*Tickling me*

*Like a fire-red metal dragon: Double Decker*  
*Start. stop. Mouth- EAT.*  
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*doors Wush wush, scream, chhhhhhik*  
*Ding ding, zing: cards raised. Mysteries exchanged*

*Klunk, klink*  
*Bang,*  
*Clash, crash,*  
*Goes my Hong Kong Symphony*