

A IS FOR... ANNA MAY WONG

Anna May Wong,
The first Asian American
To act on Hollywood streets,
Chose her famous stage name
When she was only age fourteen.

You see, Anna May Wong
knew she'd be a star.

Some couldn't see past her color,
And put her in the same old roles,
But Anna May Wong knew
That she was meant for far more.

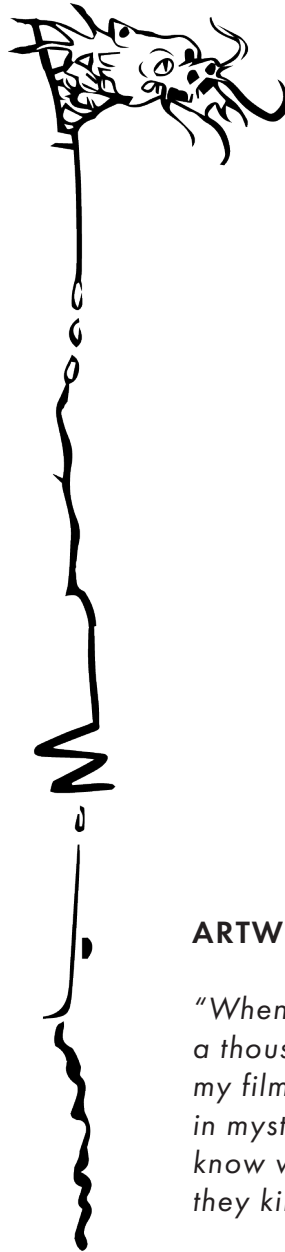
She stood firm in her beliefs,
And even turned down parts
That didn't feel true
Or didn't seem right.

And soon, the whole world knew—

How she lit up the screen,
in all sixty of her films,

How she shone wonderful and bright,
like the star that she was.

- Jessie Lian



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"When I die, my epitaph should be: I died a thousand deaths. That was the story of my film career. Most of the time I played in mystery and intrigue stories. They didn't know what to do with me at the end, so they killed me off."

- Anna May Wong

