The Training of a Zen Monk

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I. Initiation
Monk starting on pilgrimage.
Asking for admittance
Admittance refused
Night in the lodging room
Initiated in the Zendo
Introduced to the Roshi
II. The Life of Humility
Begging in the streets
Monthly collection of rice
Begging for daikon (radish)
III. Life of Labor
Wood gathering
Sweeping
IV. Life of Service
Cooking
Dining room
Nursing the sick
Sewing and moxa-burning
Shaving
Washing
Bathing
Work of service
V. Life of Prayer
Reciting the Sutras
Feeding the hungry ghosts
VI. Life of Meditation
Front door of the Zendo
Back door of the Zendo
Walking meditation
Putting down bedding
Goodnight to the Holy Monk
Monks lining up
Roshi teaching
Meditation Posture
Ready for an interview
Interview with Roshi
Deeds of utmost kindness
The warning staff
Deeply absorbed in meditation
Monks looking for Zen passages
Seeing off a senior monk
Monks on pilgrimage
Tea ceremony with Roshi
Term-end examination
Monk striking a large bell