我的父亲出生在厦门一个叫做鼓浪屿的小岛上，一百多年前，这个岛是个万国租界，岛上有两所英国圣公会的教堂和一所美国归正教的教堂，还有美国、英国等十几个国家的领事馆。当年的传教士最早带来了钢琴，为教会礼拜合唱团伴奏，岛上现在还有一所钢琴博物馆。这个小岛出过许多闻名世界的钢琴家，被称为“钢琴之岛”。

My father was born and raised on a beautiful island called Gulangyu (wiki <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulangyu_Island>) right next to the Xiamen Island we currently live. I spent a lot of time with my grandparents in Gulangyu when I was little

The wiki page for the island reads “For a time, Gulangyu had the peculiarity of having constituted the only international settlement on Chinese soil … Soon after Xiamen became a treaty port resulting from China's loss in the First Opium War and the Treaty of Nanking in 1842 … The consulates, churches, hospitals, schools, police stations, etc. built by those foreign communities explain the predominantly Victorian-era style architecture”