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Japan 19th century Edo/Meiji period

Dimensions: H. 50cm x W. 12cm x D. 8cm (19<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" )

The poem reads:

Tsuki hana ni

Akirashi hechima no sumai kana

This home is with the Moon, flowers

and a gourd of autumn

This poem celebrates a house with refined taste and an appreciation of the beautiful nature of autumn.