MITSUKO

Entry #1, Hiroaki Hirai

Roles:

Mitsuko Aoyama

Count Heinrich von Coudenhove

7 Children of the Coudenhove family

Friedrich von Coudenhove (younger brother of Heinrich)

Wife of Friedrich

Kihachi Aoyama (Mitsuko's father)

Tsune Aoyama (Mitsuko's mother)

Mitsuko's nanny

Emperor's messenger

Relatives of the Coudenhove family

Townspeople in Vienna

Townspeople and children in Tokyo

Shinto priest

Female attendant of Shinto shrine – Miko (me ko)

Amaterasu Omikami (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amaterasu) - Amaterasu

Konohanasakuya-hime (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Konohanasakuya-hime)

Holy Mother Mary

Japanese goddess

Act I - Good-bye to Japan

Scene 1 – New Year's day/celebration

Characters:

Mitsuko

Heinrich

Townspeople

Children

Shinto Priest

Miko

Amaterasu

Scene: New Year's day in Japan

In front of Shinto shrine

Large entrance gate of Shinto shrine - Torii

Crowded with townspeople, Shinto priest, Mikos

Plot: Grounds of Shinto shrine, Japanese lion dance, festival music, street

performers

Townspeople in Western clothing and Japanese kimono celebrating new

year's day in Meiji era (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meiji (era))

Mitsuko and Count Heinrich visit the shrine to make wishes for the coming

year and sing new year's joy

Celebratory and happy atmosphere

◆Townspeople in Japanese and western clothing in Meiji era exchanging good wishes for new year and composing Waka poetry

Street performers, child Kakube Jishi performers wearing a lion mask and doing tumbling acts, pipers and Taikomochi (buffoons/drum players) parade on the grounds of Shinto shrine.

Children New Beginning of the year Of early spring

Like the snow that falls today

May there be ever more good things to come!

Townspeople New Beginning of the year Of early spring

Like the snow that falls today

May there be ever more good things to come!

(Mitsuko and Heinrich visiting shrine)

Mitsuko Happy new year, my dear Count!

Heinrich Happy new year, Mitsuko!

It is spectacular celebrations as may be expected of a nation of

multitudes gods enshrined

◆ Mikos on the grounds of Shinto shrine start dancing praising god Posterior doors open and goddess' dance is presented.

Mitsuko Look over there, my dear Count

Heinrich How beautiful she is! What's the name of the goddess, Mitsuko?

Mitsuko Amaterasu-omikami, she is.

She is the goddess of the sun. It means the great deity who shines

in the heaven.

Heinrich Amaterasu-omikami

Goddess of the Sun

Mitsuko Amaterasu-omikami

Goddess of the Light

Mitsuko Ama-no-lwato (heavenly rock cave)

Long, long ago, the goddess hid herself in the Ama-no-iwato

cave

And the world was thus deprived of her life giving light

The other gods and goddesses at a loss gathered

Sang, danced and prayed

To lure her out

Ama-no-lwato Hiraki (open Ama-no-lwato)

To lure her out

Ama-no-Iwato Hiraki (open Ama-no-Iwato)

To recover light

Amaterasu-omikami

Goddess of the Sun

Amaterasu-omikami

Goddess of the Light

Amaterasu-omikami

The name, Mitsuko, comes from

Heinrich Mitsuko, my goddess

In my long journey from the other side of the dark forest of Bohemia

Meet the goddess of the light in the country of rising sun

Everlastingly shines on me

I promise in front of all gods and goddesses

Everlastingly protect you

Mitsuko My dear, Count

Heinrich/Mitsuko (two embrace)

Heinrich Mitsuko, My goddess, Goddess of the Light

◆Snow flurry and lands onto the two

Mitsuko The first snow of the season!

Heinrich The first snow of the season?

Mitsuko The first snow of the season means the heaven sending us a

lucky sigh.

Heinrich A lucky sign!

Mitsuko The first snow on the first day of the year

is also new to me

Lucky day!

Beautiful sight!

Japanese has been chanting this Waka poetry to celebrate New Year's day.

New Beginning of the year Of early spring

Like the snow that falls today

May there be ever more good things to come!

Heinrich New Beginning of the year Of early spring

Like the snow that falls today

May there be ever more good things to come!

Townspeople and Children

New Beginning of the year Of early spring

Like the snow that falls today

May there be ever more good things to come!

Shinto Priest and Miko

New Beginning of the year Of early spring

Like the snow that falls today

May there be ever more good things to come!

◆Snow falls quietly and stays on the ground

Scene 2 – Mitsuko's Prayers

Characters:

Mitsuko

Heinrich

Shinto Priest

Miko

Konohanasakuya Hime

Holy Mother Mary

Japanese Goddess

Scene: Shrine Grounds

Plot: Mitsuko saying prayers alone in the shrine grounds

Her endless anxieties including marrying Heinrich without father's permission

and leaving Japan for Europe soon

She pledges to believe in love for Count Heinrich von Coudenhove

She prays to Japanese gods to look over their future forever

◆Shinto priest and Mikos are chanting a song to praise the holy Mount Fuji. Priest's hymn from the far shrine and the shape of Fuji mountain floats in the sunlight

Shinto Priest and Miko

'Fuji'

Heaven and earth

Since the time they parted

Of manifest divinity

Reaching the heights of awe

In Suruga stands

The high peak of Fuji

The field of heaven

On gazing at the distant sight

The coursing sunlight is blocked and the shining moonlight goes unseen

The white clouds, too, shrink from passing by

As ceaselessly snow falls

From mouth to mouth will pass the word,

Travelling and speaking of the peak of Fuji

◆Shinto priest and Miko leaves the scene as Fuji appears and Mitsuko enters

Mitsuko Oh, Beautiful mountain, the image of Mount Fuji

Never to forget

Accepting the love of the count

I am leaving this country soon for an unknown strange land

Where no one I know live

A far Bohemian country

The love of Count is the only guiding light

Goodbye to Japan, the land of birth

Never to forget

Mount Fuji floats before my eyes

Beautifully and bravely

Give us the blessings for our journey and our future

Mitsuko (chanting a song to express her feelings toward Japan)

Great Yamato, of all lands most supreme!

Enclosed by ranks of verdant banks on surrounding hills,

Great Yamato, unmatched for beauty

Mitsuko (kneeling in the shrine hall and lowering her head before Mount Fuji)

◆Sunshine over Mount Fuji and Konohanasakuya-hime, Goddess of Mount Fuji, appears

KS Mitsuko, Child of Light

I will hear your prayers

I am Sakuya, Konohanasakuya

Goddess of holy Mount Fuji

and Goddess of Fertility

May Heaven bring happiness to your life

Mitsuko My dear Sakuya, like tree blossom blooming

God of fragrant cherry tree

Find the cherry tree in a far foreign land

Your image appears into view

Give us a smile

Give us a blessing

Give us protection at the mercy of your will (kneeling in the shrine hall and lowering her head praying)

◆Japanese goddesses appear one after the other blessing Mitsuko
(Amaterasu, Amenouzume, Tamayori-hime, Toyotama-hime, Toyotama-hime,
Kukuri-hime, Munakata Sanjoshin etc. It may be the phantasm Mitsuko as she prayed
intently.)

Goddesses Mitsuko, Child of Light

I will hear your prayers

May Heaven bring happiness to your life

Mitsuko Give us a smile

Goddesses Mitsuko, Child of Light

I will hear your prayers

May Heaven bring happiness to your life

Mitsuko Give us a blessing

Goddesses Mitsuko, Child of Light

I will hear your prayers

May Heaven bring happiness to your life

Mitsuko Give us protection at the mercy of your will

◆Goddesses leave, Mitsuko stays alone in the shrine hall and continue praying. A veiled goddess in Western clothing appears in front of Mitsuko from behind.

Holy Mother Mary Mitsuko, Child of Light

I will hear your prayers

May Heaven bring happiness to your life

May Heaven bring happiness to your children

♦Mitsuko continues praying intently, Holy Mother Mary puts a rosary around Mitsuko's

neck and leaves (annunciation)

Scene 3 – Father's Anger

Characters:

Mitsuko

Father

Mother

Wet Nurse

Scene: In front of her house (or in front of the shrine)

Plot: Mitsuko's father came in with a threatening look. He is outraged to find her marrying a foreigner without asking parents' permission. Marriage to a foreigner means accepting to be a concubine and it's a disgrace for the family. He will not tolerate and out of his responsibility as a head of the family and a father, he presses her to kill herself. Killing oneself taking responsibility is an old Japanese custom. Mitsuko resists hard against her father's pressing and accepts her renouncement from the family.

Father Mitsuko, Mitsuko, Mitsuko!

How dare you marry a foreigner?

I will never give you my blessings.

Mitsuko, Mitsuko, Mitsuko!

I'm ashamed you marry someone without parents' permission.

Mitsuko Father, I apologize for disgracing the family name, but I'm not

ashamed of myself.

I'm delighted for my love for Count.

'Light of Love'

Light of Love shines on me

Me and you

You and me

From inside and outside

From the bottom of the heart Deep and deeper

Light of Love shines on you

Me and you

You and me

From inside and aside

From the bottom of the heart Warm and warmer

Father No, no, no

I will never give you a permission

No, no, no

Even if I did, the ancestors will not

Mother Mitsuko, what have you done?

Please apologize to your father
You are taken in by his words

Come to your senses and apologize to your father

Mitsuko No, mother

I'm not taken in by his words

My light of love illuminates more brightly now I am with him

My inner voice tells me to live up to my principles

Mother No, Mitsuko

You are taken in by his words

Apologize to your father at once

Apologize to your ancestors

Father Or you may make it up by using this sword for disgracing the family

name

You have disgraced our family name

Dishonoring the family is not acceptable

You should vindicate the family honor at the cost of your life

This sword is the family heirloom

You should end your life using this sword, Mitsuko

(Father presses Mitsuko with the sword in his hand)

Come on, come one

Mitsuko Father!

Mother My dear!

Father (handing the sword to Mitsuko and pressing to kill herself)

Come on!

Wet Nurse (breaking in in between Father and Mitsuko)

Master, please forgive your daughter, Miss Mitsuko

You are not only taking the life of Miss Mitsuko, but the baby as well

Taking two lives is too cruel the deeds

I have looked after Miss Mitsuko since her childhood

I will sacrifice my life for her

Master, please, please forgive Miss Mitsuko

(holding onto Father's kimono)

Father (kicking wet nurse and becoming enraged)

No, no, no

Is it true, Mitsuko?

Not only marrying a foreigner, but having a child

You are no longer a part of our family

I will disown you today and you shall never come back home!

(Father leaves)

Mother My dear!

(trying to stop him leave and running towards Mitsuko)

Mitsuko!

(handing the family heirloom sword to Mitsuko)

'Gathering of clouds, Stormy winds blows blossoms' (Roses have thorns)

The family heirloom sword for protection

The blade cuts your way through the future

Drives an evil away

Life is like roses with thorns

Your life is at the mercy of fate

The sword will protect you and drive an evil away

Instead of your father and mother

May your future shine bright

May Mitsuko's future shine bright

Life is like roses with thorns

Your life is at the mercy of fate

May your future shine bright

May Mitsuko's future shine bright

(handing the sword to Mitsuko and leaves)

Mitsuko Mother!

◆ Mitsuko is left alone

change scene in the dark

Act II - Count Heinrich's Resolution, Bohemia

Scene 1 – Hostile Family

Characters:

Mitsuko

Heinrich

Count's Younger Brother

Wife of Count's Younger Brother

Aristocrats

Scene: The Great Hall, Castle of Ronsperg

Plot: Wedding reception and home coming party of Count Heinrich and Mitsuko

Couple dance under brilliant chandeliers

Relatives and aristocrats insult, ridicule and envy Mitsuko and talk behind her

back.

Their malicious intent brings a note of discord into the family relationship

◆ Guests carry on a conversation and dance in the Great Hall of Castle of Ronsperg. Host and hostess dance happily in the middle of the hall.

Aristocrats It's a Beautiful Day!

Our Home, Bohemia Sunshine and Breeze

Limpid River of Donau Dark Forest

Everlasting Peaceful Days

Forever and Ever

Heinrich It's a Beautiful Day!

Our Home, Bohemia Returned Home

Dear Old Friends and Reunited Family Members

To Introduce My Beautiful Wife, Mitsuko

Mitsuko It's a Beautiful Day!

Your Home, Beautiful Bohemia Set Foot on Foreign Soil

To Meet Your Dear Friends and Family Members

Blessed

Aristocrats It's a Beautiful Day!

Our Home, Bohemia Sunshine and Breeze

Limpid River of Donau Dark Forest

Everlasting Peaceful Days

Forever and Ever

Brother She's a Beautiful Lady

My Brother, Heinrich My Sister, Mitsuko

Dark Hair and Dark Eyes

Mystery of the East God Bless the Couple

Forever and Ever

Brother You must be tired from long journey

Brother and Wife Please leave it to us and take a rest

◆ Count and Mitsuko leaves the hall and the party continues

Aristocrats It's a Beautiful Day!

Our Home, Bohemia Sunshine and Breeze

Limpid River of Donau Dark Forest

Everlasting Peaceful Days

Forever and Ever

Brother It's a Baleful Day!

My Brother Heinrich Returned Home

Dark Hair and Dark Eyes A Witch of the East

Never to Bless

Brother and Wife No! No! No!

Baleful Couple

Not to Succeed to a House

Aristocrats It's an Awful Day!

Our Home, Bohemia Sunshine and Breeze

Limpid River of Donau and Dark Forest Befouled

Dark Hair and Dark Eyes A Witch of the East

It's an Awful Day!

Our Home, Bohemia Sunshine and Breeze

Limpid River of Donau and Dark Forest Befouled

Dark Hair and Dark Eyes A Witch of the East

◆ change scene in the dark

Scene 2 – Brothers' Feud

Characters:

Mitsuko

Heinrich

Count's Younger Brother

Wife of Count's Younger Brother

Scene: Heinrich's Study, Castle of Ronsperg

Plot: Heinrich is doing research on making the world unified and more peaceful

without disputes between nations and people.

Mitsuko comes in with a cup of tea and reassures Heinrich of love and ties

beyond ethnicity.

His brother comes into the study with a gun in his hand.

Brothers fight and make no concessions.

Heinrich's brother drops the gun thanks to Mitsuko' quick thinking.

Heinrich renounces his brother and his wife from the family.

◆ Heinrich is busy with his writing. Mitsuko enters the study with a cup of tea.

Mitsuko What are you writing?

Heinrich We are entering a new era. It's about to begin, Mitsuko.

I wish for world peace without dispute between people.

I dream to live peacefully and calmly with you.

I am putting down my wishes in writing.

Heinrich What I have seen traveling around the world is

Mitsuko Individual belief

Heinrich Individual appearance

Mitsuko People cry, laugh, sing and dance

Heinrich I believe one day in the future people live happily together

regardless of the color of your skin, hair and eyes.

Mitsuko Like us

Heinrich Like us

◆ Heinrich's brother comes into the study and interrupts the conversation.

Brother What on earth have you done to lower the tax for the people of our

lands upon your return?

Their lives may be better, but ours harder.

Heinrich Brother, we will be entering a new era. I have traveled all over the

world and saw the change. It'll happen very soon.

Our days will be over soon.

Time chances

World changes

We change

Brother Brother, you have changed since you came back

Or has the witch of the East put a curse on you and you have gone

crazy?

Brother, I will not leave the family matter to you.

Brother, I will not accept you as the head of the family.

Brother, I shall be the one to succeed the feudal estate.

Brother! Brother! Brother!

(He takes out a gun and points at Heinrich)

Heinrich What are you doing?

Brother I have not choice but to kill you for the sake of the Coudenhove

family

Heinrich Don't be foolish

Brother Brother, the witch of the East put a curse on you and you have

gone crazy.

Mitsuko Stop! If you wish to pull the trigger, you should kill the witch as you

say.

Count and I only wish for peace. I do not wish to see brothers

fighting

(Mitsuko on her knees and lowers her head as she prays in front of the brothers.)

Brother Fine. I shall punish the wicked witch first.

(Brother turns to Mitsuko and approaches pointing the gun towards her.)

◆ Brother sees a strong light on the edge of Mitsuko's sword for protection flashes from

her pocket when he points his gun at her and drops the gun. He holds his wrist and crouches down on the spot.

Mitsuko Thank you, Father and Mother

Family heirloom sword of yours has protected me and my love

Please give us your blessings for our future

Heinrich Brother, Mitsuko and I do not wish any more disputes.

Leave the castle with your wife at once.

'On the Brink of Tears'
Nothing Grows from Hatred
Just On the Brink of Tears
Time Passes
People Change

Life is Like the Valley of Weeping
As They Pass through the Valley of Weeping
They Make It a Place of Springs

Changing of Heart
Departing of People
Just On the Brink of Tears
Time Passes
Dream is not Just a Dream

Life is Like the Valley of Weeping
As They Pass through the Valley of Weeping
They Make It a Place of Springs

Changing of Heart
Departing of People
Just On the Brink of Tears
Time Passes

Dream is not Just a Dream

Scene 3 - 10 Years Later - Family Pledge

Characters:

Mitsuko

Heinrich

Their Children

Scene: In the garden of Castle of Ronsperg

Plot: While Mitsuko and her grown-up children worry about Heinrich's health, they listen to Heinrich who rests on a chaise lounge and talks about his dream to make the world without disputes between nations and ethnicity.

They sing hoping to build strong ties between nations as they realized in their family of different ethnicity.

◆ Children look up *Koinobori*, the streamer with carp shaped socks of a big black one, a smaller red one and small ones put up on the roof of the castle and run about while their mother and father relaxing in the garden.

Children How do you call the carp shaped streamer, Mother?

Mitsuko The streamer is called, *Koinobori* from my home country.

It is a Japanese tradition flown to celebrate healthy growth of

children.

Children Then the biggest black one is the father, isn't it?

Children Red one is the mother!

Children Small ones are us!

Heinrich Children, I travelled around the world

before you were born.

I met your mother

in the far eastern country called Japan

And you were born.

What I learned through my world tour

People regardless where they came from

Laugh, cried, loved and cared.

I hope you will one day make the world

Where people get over the hurdles

of ethnicity, language and culture

and live in peace as Mitsuko and I did.

Like the Blue Donau (Donube) runs through this land

Some day pass through the town and over the boarder

Over the hurdles of people

and make fresh ties

New era, new world

with your effort you realize

Father's wish

Mitsuko My wish

Children Our wish

'Sky of May'

Fresh Breeze Sunny Sky Sky of May

We Sing

Surrounded by Forest Green

Surrounded by Love

Fresh Breeze Sunny Sky Sky of May

We Sing

Nurturing Forest Green

Nurturing Love

Fresh Breeze Sunny Sky Sky of May

We Sing

Fresh Breeze Sunny Sky Sky of May

We Sing

Scene 4 – Count Heinrich's Regrets

Characters:

Heinrich

Scene: In his study, Castle of Ronsperg

Plot: Heinrich alone in his study sings a song of regrets for his remaining days and for dying before taking the first step towards realizing his dream.

He worries about Mitsuko who he has pledged to spend his life forever and brought to Europe will do without him.

He is not afraid of dying but he is afraid of losing her.

He used all his strength that is left and wrote letters to Mitsuko and to children.

Heinrich Healthy children

Beautiful wife I gave myself to no other

As I know

My days are numbered My flame is snuffing out

Blessed with wife and children

Lived a comfortable life

Travelled around the world

Broadened my world

Blessed with family

Love and grace of god

There is strong shadow where there is much light To die is not difficult

But to part is difficult

God, Bless those who are left behind Children, New Era, New World Mitsuko, Everlasting love, Bright future

'Kaleidoscope of Shadows'
There is Strong Shadow Where There is Much Light
If You've Never Eaten While Crying
You Don't Know What Life Tastes Like
Cult of Pleasure is Degrading
More Tears You Shed, Stronger You Become

God, Bless those who are left behind Children, New Era, New World Mitsuko, Everlasting Love, Bright Future

There is Strong Shadow Where There is Much Light Speak from Your Words Or Touch One's Heart Forget Not Your Brave Soul

God, Bless those who are left behind Children, New Era, New World Mitsuko, Everlasting Love, Bright Future

There is Strong Shadow Where There is Much Light Hop, Step, Jump and You will Break Free

Struggle and Tomorrow will be Another Day

God, Bless those who are left behind Children, New Era, New World Mitsuko, Everlasting Love, Bright Future

There is Strong Shadow Where There is Much Light Choose A Fruit or A Seed for Life And Choose Not A Fruit But A Seed for Life

God, Bless those who are left behind Children, New Era, New World Mitsuko, Everlasting Love, Bright Future Act III - Vienna, Mitsuko's Decision

Scene 1 – Mitsuko's Dissappointment

Characters:

Mitsuko

Children

Count's Younger Brother

Wife of Count's Younger Brother

Aristocrats

Scene: House on Maxing Street, Vienna

Plot: Mitsuko with her children moves to Vienna after Heinrich's death.

She is sad and distressed for losing her husband.

Count's younger brother, his wife and relatives visit her and accuse her of her being shameless to inherit the family estate.

They said they wouldn't be fooled by her unlike their brother, and insulted, criticized and drove her to despair.

Mitsuko Children, we shall start a new life in Vienna now that father has

passed away.

Carrying out his will and take pride in the name of Coudenhove.

Children Now that our father is gone, we will carry out his will and take

pride in the name of Coudenhove, Mother.

Mitsuko Time to go to bed, Children

Save up your energy for tomorrow, good night.

Children Good night, mother

◆ Children go to bed and Mitsuko is alone in the room.

'Alone in the Dark!

Sleeping Alone In Tears

In the Darkest Night

Missing You

Longing to Be with You

Rather Depart Life Than Be Alone

Image of the Father in Children

Holding Me Back

Sleeping Alone In Tears

In the Darkest Night

Sleeping Alone In Tears

In the Darkest Night

◆ Count's brother, his wife and relatives flow into the room and stand in front of Mitsuko.

Brother No! No! No!

Wicked Witch

Not to Succeed to a House

No! No! No!

Wicked Witch

Not to Allow Her to Succeed

Aristocrats No! No! No!

Wicked Witch

Not to Succeed to a House

No! No! No!

Wicked Witch

Not to Allow Her to Succeed

Brother I deserve to succeed

No other person

Wife My husband deserves to succeed

No other person

Brother Dark Witch

Fooled My Brother
I will not be fooled

Aristocrats We will not be fooled

Mitsuko (I do not fool anyone)

Brother Wicked Witch

Witch of the East

Listen to Me

And Leave This Land Forever

Aristocrat Leave this land forever

Mitsuko (No place to go)

Brother You put a curse on Henrich and killed him

Aristocrat You killed him

Mitsuko (I did not kill him)

Brother Mitsuko killed him

Aristocrat Mitsuko killed him

Mitsuko (I did not kill him)

Brother You killed him, Mitsuko

Aristocrat You killed him, Mitsuko

Brother You put a curse on him, Mitsuko

Aristocrat You put a curse on him, Mitsuko

Brother You killed him

Aristocrat You killed him

Mitsuko Help me, dear count

Help me god

◆ When Mitsuko gave out a loud shout, a ray of light shines upon her.

Trumpet sounds to signal arrivals of the Emperor's messenger.

Change scene in the dark

Scene 2 – Mitsuko's Determination

Characters:

Mitsuko

Children

Townspeople

Emperor's Messenger

Count's Younger Brother

Aristocrat

Scene: City Center, Vienna

Plot: Messenger has Emperor's personal letter to respond to Count Heinrich's will

written at his last hour.

Count's brother, his wife and the relatives are disappointed and Mitsuko is deeply moved. Children happy, and townspeople joyful

Messenger hands Mitsuko the will and reads her husband's last words to the children. She reminds them to carry on his dream and make the world peace.

◆Trumpet sounds to announce the arrival of Emperor's messenger echoes and townspeople gather in front of Mitsuko's house. Children look out of the window to see what's happening. Brother and relatives are anxious to hear the news.

Messenger I will now read Emperor's personal letter

Mitsuko von Coudenhove and Friedrich von Coudenhove,

Please step forward

Mitsuko and Brother (the two step forward)

Messenger Attend to my words!

I will now announce on the subject of Count von

Coudenhove's estate and its succession now he has

passed away.

Friedrich von Coudenhove and the relatives shall look after and manage the estate belonging to the count.

◆Friedrich and relatives roared in delight and cheered

Messenger Mitsuko von Coudenhove shall focus on children's

education.

◆Children and townspeople were disappointed and sighed.

Messenger However, Mitsuko and her seven children shall

succeed the estate and all asset of the Coudenhove

family according to the will of my loyal retainer,

Heinrich.

Signed by Franz Joseph Karl von Habsburg, Emperor

of Austria

Children Hooray!

Townspeople Woow!

Messenger Relatives, listen carefully to the Emperor's words and

please set your mind to support Mitsuko

Here is the letter from Heindrich to the emperor.

Please take it with you, Mitsuko.

Mitsuko (with the letter in her hand, walks towards children)

Thank you, my dear Heinrich Protect us from evil, dear god

(with the letter in her hand, walks towards Brother)

We should stop fighting each other as Heinrich wrote

in his letter.

(Mitsuko glares at the brother and relatives)

If you wish to continue fighting, I'll be ready.

(takes out the sword from her pocket and put the

edge to him while smiling)

◆ Count's brother and aristocrat relatives are intimidated by Mitsuko's determination and scattered in all directions.

Children and townspeople laugh out at the sight and make a victorious cheer.

Messenger I have another letter from the count addressing to

the children.

Please attend to my words.

Letter

Children, stars in the sky link innumerably to form a constellation. My dream is to make the future of the world where different nations innumerate to shine like stars in the sky and not dispute.

Children, there is an old saying in the East where your mother was born that only carps completed swimming up a waterfall in the rapid stream of a river become dragons and soar in the sky over the rainbow.

I hope one day your spirit like dragons will soar in the sky over the rainbow and reach those stars in the sky.

Help each other to realize the dream I did not accomplish and link innumerably nations to shine like the stars in the evening sky.

Mitsuko

Children, we shall carry out his will and live a strong

life.

We take pride in the name of Coudenhove

Children

We take pride in the name of Coudenhove

◆ Children and townspeople parade around town with Coudenhove family crest flags and *Koinobori* in their hands. Big black carps, red carps and small carps stream high in the sky signify their bright future.

Townspeople (start si

(start singing surrounding Mitsuko and the children)

◆ Mitsuko and the children join them and sing

'Over the Rainbow, Beyond the Stars'

What's There?

Over the Rainbow

What's There?

Beyond the Stars

No One Knows

We Move On

With Grace of God

Passing Down the Tears

of the Brave One

Over the Rainbow

We Head For

Beyond the Stars

We Pass Through

One Those Name was Writ in Water

Never to Forget

One Those Will was Put in Fire

Passing Down

What's There?

Across the Seas

What's There?

Over the Sky

No One Tells

We Move On

With Grace of God

Passing Down the Tears

of the Brave One

Across the Seas We Head For Over the Sky We Move on

Townspeople Tears of the Coudenhove's be with us

Children With memory of our father

Mitsuko With love of my husband

◆ Townspeople and children leave and Mitsuko is left alone.

She starts singing a song about half of her life and love and pledge to her husband.

Dim light catches Mitsuko as she starts singing and the light gets brighter and brighter until the end of the song.

'With Sunshine'

Summer Has Come

And Once Again

Sun Shines in the Sky

Sent into the World

Loved and Raised

Land of Rice Field

With Sunshine

In the Eastland

Far and Away

Where I Call Home

I Met with You

and Loved You

All of You

Renewing Year

and Passing Year

Many Months and Years

In Your Land

I Lived with You

Promised an Everlasting Love

Present Life

Fleeting Life

Holding the Image of

Your Passing Away

Holding Young Child in My Arms

I Weep in Tears

Rising Sun

Never to Forget

Your Passion

Radiate into the World

Your Dream

Love and Peace

With Sunshine

Even with the mercy of God

I Shall Strive

to Make Your Dream Come True

With Sunshine

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