## 1. A Buddist Service Is Performed to Mourn Tsunemasa at Ninna-ji

Tsunemasa

Monk Gyōkei appears and announces that he will perform a *kagen-kō*\* to mourn Taira no Tsunemasa, who died in the battle at Ichi-no-tani (Ichi-notani Valley).

\*Kagen-kō (Kangen-kō): a type of memorial service where the deceased are mourned by playing orchestral music.

I am Gyōkei, a Sōzu and chief councilor of state who serves the Gyōkei Omuro Royal Court at Ninna-ji Temple (in Kitayama). Now, Tajima-no-kami (the chief officer of Tajima Province) Tsunemasa, one of the members of the Heike clan, won considerable favor with the prince in Omuro even when he was still small. However, he died in the battle in the Western Ocean. The magnificent piece of the Biwa lute, Seizan, was temporarily entrusted to Tsunemasa when he was still in this world. I was ordered to place this lute at the altar of the deceased and perform a *kagen-kō* to console the soul of Tsunemasa. I am therefore assembling the musicians who play the orchestral music.

> Staying under a tree together and scooping a glass of water from a stream together; truly, they are all destined by the bond knotted in our other lives. Tsunemasa even received the love and deep blessings of the Royal Highness for many years. The memorial service is therefore respectfully performed within this royal court. How grateful that people pray all night for Tsunemasa, "Oh Tsunemasa, gain enlightenment and become a Buddha."

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Tsunemasa Story

# **Group Reciters**

Especially, the Biwa lute which is named Seizan, the Biwa lute which is named Seizan, is offered to the deceased. The orchestral music is accompanying the Buddhist prayers, which continue day and night. The blessing of Buddhism broadly spreads both for the nobles and the lowly. The blessing of Buddhism broadly spreads regardless of our origins.

# 2. The Ghost of Tsunemasa Appears and Talks to Gyōkei

In the middle of the night, a shadow of a person appears in the dim lamplight and, wondering who it is, Gyōkei talks to the shadow. The shadow answers before disappearing that he is the ghost of Tsunemasa; only his voice is left which continues its dialogue with Gyōkei.

#### Tsunemasa

The voices of the winds sweeping in deadwoods sound like a rain in sunshine. The moonlight illuminating the desert looks like frost in a summer night. I, like the rain and dew drops appearing and disappearing, cannot find a safe refuge. But I am here temporarily under the sod. Myself like a dew comes back to this world. How vain the tie made by delusion is.

Such a mystery. The night has already grown old, and I faintly see Gvōkei a human figure, becoming invisible from time to time, within the lamplight dimly illuminating the night. May I ask who you are, the person appearing in the light?

# Tsunemasa

I am the ghost of Tsunemasa. I have come out, attracted by the precious prayers.

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経政(経正)

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Tsunemasa

So, when I turn my face to the voice of Tsunemasa's ghost and try Gyōkei

to see him, his figure disappears frailly.

Tsunemasa

Only his voice is left faintly.

His shade I surely saw Gyōkei

Tsunemasa

might still be there, but

he becomes invisible again. Gyōkei

Tsunemasa

Here I am...

Gyōkei no, he isn't.

Tsunemasa

His shadow shimmers like a heat haze.

Tsunemasa existing as a phantom, Tsunemasa as a fragile Reciters existence, returns to the world he used to belong to and discloses his name. However, no one can see the figure of the speaker.

An invisible illusion is left. Even though we are separated by the

boundary of life and death, I still see the people in this world.

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の幽霊だと答える声の方 向 て見ようとすると、

姿はうつすらと消えて

Truly, as I described in the poem that "Just as the water running within a bamboo watershoot is always clear, my life was always clear and brisk no matter how long I lived in the royal court." I never got bored of the life in the royal court. I now appear in the royal court as a phantom, I am a phantom like a dream.

Gyōkei What a wonder! Although the figure of Tsunemasa's ghost disappears, his voice is left and exchanges words with me. Irrespective of whether this is a dream or reality, it is such a miraculous event that I can exchange words with the deceased, thanks to the merit of the memorial service.

#### Tsunemasa

I was allowed to come to the Omuro Royal Court from when I was a child. It was all thanks to the kindness of the prince in Omuro that I became recognized in the world. Especially, the Biwa lute, Seizan, which I was given and allowed to play while I was alive, perfectly fits in my hands. This lute with four strings...

Reciters still attracts me. Therefore, the sound made from the plectrum, which is similar to a familiar sound, also sounds like the exquisite sound of the vow for saving all living creatures.

Now, I Tsunemasa, on one hand this Tsunemasa has observed the Five Invariable Dharma of humanity, justice, courtesy, wisdom, and trust since I was young. On the other hand, I appreciated the beauty of flowers, birds, wind and the moon and enjoyed reading poems and playing music. I spent days waiting for the arrival of springs and autumns, and I remembered every single flower in this astatic world, like a dew drop on the grasses growing under a pine tree or like floating bubbles in the water. I was mindful of all the flowers (He mastered all sorts of elegant plays).

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## 3. Tsunemasa Misses His Old Days and Enjoys Nightlife

Responding to the memorial service with music, Tsunemasa performs the Biwa lute and dances while missing the days he was alive.

The best for the deceased would be to offer Seizan, the Biwa lute Gyōkei with which he was familiar playing while he existed in this world. Considering so, the musicians tune their own instruments and play music for consoling Tsunemasa.

# Tsunemasa

The deceased stands behind the lamplight, although people cannot see him, he plays the lute Seizan offered to him.

The night has grown old enough to perform the music of the Gyōkei middle of the night. The sound of music wakes me up... at that moment,

# Tsunemasa

Oh mysterious. The clear sky is suddenly covered by clouds, and I can hear the voice of a shower.

With the sound of rain which obsessively beats grasses and woods, Gvōkei the tune of the music, which has been performed at the right time, is disturbed.

#### Tsunemasa

Wait, this is not the rain. Look at that. At the edge of the cloud...

in the hill of Narabigaoka (hilly area near Ninna-ji Temple) side by Reciters side with the moon, pine leaves are blown off by winds and make a noise like the rain shower. Interesting! It adds a hint of elegance to the music we play. Large stringed instrument loudly resonates like the shower, while small stringed instrument weakly hits the

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Tsunemasa Story

> sad notes; it sounds like nothing but whispering. [Referred to the poem, "Biwa-kō (Pipa Lute)" by Bai Juyi.] Also, the first and second strings are disturbed, just as the wind traveling over the pine sweeps the tree and howls distressfully. The third and fourth strings make cold and lonely sounds, just as a crane misses her child and cries in a cage at night. [Referred to Bai Juyi's poem.] A cock who announces the arrival of dawn, have in mind that you shall delay the announcement to postpone the time of separation from the fun night time of music.

# Tsunemasa

The voice of *shō* (sheng, or a Japanese free reed bamboo musical instrument)...

Reciters

moves the clouds covering the Qinling Mountains in autumn. [Referred to a poem by Gong Chengyi.] The Chinese phoenix loved this instrument and swooped down on paulownia and bamboo. They put their wings side by side and fly and play together. Each musical scale expresses a person's heart. The voice of music harmonizes and blows the flower of sounds. Recalling the past, I sway my sleeves while dancing. Yes, Mount Kinugasa is also close to here. We spent an amusing time in the nightlife. Oh, how wonderful is the time spent in the nightlife!

# 4. Tsunemasa Shows the Suffering in Asura and Disappears

# Tsunemasa

who dances in the memory of his past is now trapped by resentment. He shows the suffering in the Realm of Asura and how he fights. As he is ashamed to be seen his despicable behaviors during fights, the ghost of Tsunemasa blows the light out and fades away into the darkness.

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Tsunemasa Story

## [kakeri]

This is a series of movements that, with the music which changes the speed, the ghost of a warrior (in this piece, Taira no Tsunemasa) expresses the scenes of battle in the Realm of Asura. However, in this drama, since a nobleman misses his sophisticated lifestyle in the past, his movements are also influenced by his heart enjoying the music at night; therefore, there is more emphasis on the expression of graceful dance rather than the movement of fierce battle.

#### Tsunemasa

Alas, I miss the fun nightlife with dance and music. I happened to come back to this world at a time when people enjoy the nightlife and comforted myself. However, the feeling of resentment and anger has mounted in myself. Alas, I reproach myself.

The shadow I saw earlier appeared again. Is he Tsunemasa? Gyōkei

#### Tsunemasa

Oh, such a shame. I have already been seen by others. Please put out the lamplight... saying so...

Reciters

putting the lamp away from him, the moon in the deep night which one appreciates even when putting a lamp away from him, the battle between the king of the asuras, who tries to grab the midnight moon, and Indra makes the sparks. Their swords, which slash away the flames of their anger befalling themselves, bother others and slit themselves up. The waves of the scarlet blood return as roaring flames. It is shameful to see myself rumbling in the pain of burning myself in the flames. I tried not to be seen by anyone... I would like to extinguish the light. This silly me, like a moth flying into the flame, jumped into the fire. Putting the lamplight out with stormy winds, blowing the light out with stormy winds, the ghost disappears, melting into the darkness. The shadow of the ghost fades away into the darkness.

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#### Tsunemasa

#### Synopsis

Sōzu Gyōkei, a monk serving in the Omuro Royal Court in Ninna-ji Temple in Kyoto, was ordered by a prince who renounced the world to pray for Taira no Tsunemasa who died in the battle at Ichi-no-tani (Ichi-no-tani Valley). Tsunemasa, who was a renowned lute player, used a Biwa lute named Seizan regularly. Gyōkei therefore offers the instrument before the altar of the deceased and performs a service with music (kagen-kō\*).

The music to pray for Tsunemasa becoming a Buddha is resonating and when the night grows old, a shadow of a person starts to appear faintly in the lamplight. Gyōkei, who is mystified, asks who he is, and the shadow answers that he is the ghost of Tsunemasa and appeared to appreciate the Buddhist prayer.

When Gyōkei faces the voice, the shadow disappears like filament of air and only his voice is left. As Gyōkei exchanges words with the voice, the ghost misses his old days when he appreciated the natural beauty of flowers, birds, wind, and the moon and enjoyed poems and music. He then plays the lute Seizan and dances to recall his past and enjoys the nightlife. However, the fun moment does not last long. He, who fell into the Realm of Asura, starts to feel resentment. Tsunemasa shows himself suffering from wretched fights and extinguishes the light because he does not want others to see him acting such shameful deeds. The ghost disappears faintly into the darkness.

## Highlight

The protagonist of this piece is Taira no Tsunemasa, the eldest son of Taira no Tsunemori and a nephew of Taira no Kiyomori, who led the Heike clan. He is also a brother of Taira no Atsumori, who is also a protagonist of the Noh drama called Atsumori. Among the members of the Heike clan who indulged themselves in aristocratic pleasures, Tsunemasa especially gained a reputation as a skillful player of the Biwa lute and was an outstandingly talented man.

With such a cultural background, this piece does not exude a bold atmosphere although it is classified as a shura-mono (the stories about warriors who descended to the Realm of Asura). It elegantly describes Tsunemasa who misses his days when he enjoyed reading poems and playing music in this world. The whole drama embraces a graceful atmosphere of the noble culture in the Heian period. Although the last part of the drama describes some scenes of fighting, Tsunemasa even feels ashamed of being witnessed him fighting a battle and puts the light out. This is a sophisticated short piece, which emphasizes the gracefulness and elegance of a young noble. The kuse where Tsunemasa misses his living days and enjoys the sound of a Biwa lute is accompanied by a dynamic chorus and dance, which is an especially interesting part in this piece. Throughout the drama the audience, including the Noh novice, can casually enjoy the good tempo of this piece.

Probably because of the airy and light atmosphere of the drama, many young Noh performers perform this piece. It is also popular for amateur Noh performers who play the shite (protagonist) for the first time in his/her life. Also, some schools add special staging features to enhance the graceful atmosphere of this piece.

Traditionally, princes became the priest of Ninna-ji Temple, where the story takes place, after they renounced the world. The temple is therefore also called the Omuro Royal Court. This temple, with its long and distinguished history, is registered as a World Cultural Heritage.

Schools All five. Use different Chinese characters in different schools: "経正"

in the Kanze and Kongoh schools, while "経政" in the other three.

The second group Noh, shura-mono Category

Zeami (according to a story) Author The Tale of the Heike

Autumn (September in the lunar calendar) Season

Scenes Ninna-ji Temple in Kyoto

Subject

The ghost of Taira no Tsunemasa Characters Shite

> Waki Sōzu Gyōkei

Mask Shite Chūjō, Imawaka, Jūroku, Dōji, or Jidō

Costumes Shite nashiuchi-eboshi (eboshi-style headdress), a white

> headband, chōken (or happi-style kimono), kitsuke/atsuita (or kitsuke/nuihaku), hakama in ōkuchi-style (white or colored), koshi-obi (belt),

a sword, and a fan.

Waki sumi-bōshi (a hood for regular Buddhist monks),

> kara (a piece of square cloth worn over other clothes by Buddhism priests), mizugoromo (a type of knee-length kimono), kitsuke / kogōshi-atsuita (thickly-woven kimono with small check pattern), hakama in ōkuchi-style (white), koshi-obi, Buddhist

prayer beads, and a fan.

Number of scenes One

Lenath About one hour

<sup>\*</sup>Kagen-kō (Kangen-kō): a type of memorial service where the deceased are mourned by playing orchestral music.

#### 経政/経正(つねまさ)

#### あらすじ

京都・仁和寺御室御所に仕える行慶(ぎょうけい)僧都は、法親王の命により、一の谷の合戦で討ち死にした平経政(経正)(たいらのつねまさ)を弔うこととなりました。そこで琵琶の名手として知られた経政が愛用した青山(せいざん)という銘の琵琶を仏前に据え、管弦講※を執り行います。

経政の成仏を祈る音楽が響き、夜半を過ぎた頃、燈火(ともしび)のなかに人影がほのかに見えてきました。不思議に思った行慶がどういう方が現れたのかと問うと、その人影は、「経政の幽霊である、お弔いの有難さに現れたのだ」と告げるのでした。

行慶が声の方へ向くと、人影は陽炎のように消えて声ばかり残ります。なお行慶が消え残る声と言葉を交わすと、亡霊は、花鳥風月を愛で、詩歌管弦に親しんだ在りし日を懐かしみます。そして青山の琵琶を奏で、舞うなどして往時の様子をあらわにし、夜遊の時を楽しむのでした。しかしそれも束の間。修羅道に堕ちた身には、憤りの心が起こります。経政はあさましい戦いに苦しむ姿を見せ、その身を恥ずかしく思って人に見られまいと燈火を消し、暗闇に紛れて消え失せていきました。

※管弦講(かげんこう、かんげんこう):管弦の楽器により音楽を奏して死者を 弔う法事

#### みどころ

この曲の主人公、平経政(経正)は平経盛の長男で、平家一門を統べた平清盛の甥にあたります。能「敦盛」の主人公、平敦盛の兄でもあります。貴族趣味に耽溺したという平家一門のなかでも、才の際立つ貴公子で、とりわけ琵琶の名手として名を馳せたそうです。

そういう背景を持つこの曲は、修羅物ですが、勇猛な雰囲気はほとんどありません。詩歌管弦に興じた日々を懐かしむ経政の姿が気品を持って描かれ、一曲を通じて王朝・貴族文化の優美な雰囲気が流れています。最後に少し修羅の様子を現しますが、経政は、戦う姿を人に見られるのを恥ずかしく思い、燈火を消そうとするくらいです。若々しい貴公子の優雅さ、たおやかさに重きを置き、よく洗練された小品です。経政が往時を懐かしんで琵琶の音に興じる様子を表したクセの部分は、謡いも舞いも変化に富んで特に面白く、そのほか全編がテンポよく進み、初心者も気軽に楽しむことができるでしょう。

軽々として短くさっぱりした曲の雰囲気からか、若い能楽師の演能 も目立ち、素人が初シテで舞う能としても人気があります。流儀によっては小書きをつけて、より風雅な雰囲気を高めて演じられることも あります。 流儀 五流にあり。観世流、金剛流は「経正」、他の三流は「経政」と表記

 分類
 二番目物、修羅物作者

 作者
 世阿弥(一説)

 題材
 平家物語

 季節
 秋(旧曆9月)

場面 京都・仁和寺

登場人物 シテ 平経政(経正)の亡霊

ワキ 僧都行慶

面 シテ 中将、今若、十六、童子、慈童

装束 シテ 梨打烏帽子、白鉢巻、長絹 (法被)、着付・厚板 (着付・縫箔)、

白大口(色大口)、腰帯、太刀、扇

ワキ 角帽子、掛絡(から)、水衣、着付・小格子厚板、白大口、腰帯、数珠、

扇

場数 一場上演時間 約1時間

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