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1. Group of Monks Travels and Visits Suma Bay

A man who was once in service to Fujiwara no Shunzei* renounced the world and departed a tour to visit western provinces. On his way, he stops by Suma Bay and enjoys the view of a cherry tree that he encountered.

*Fujiwara no Shunzei (also read Toshinari): an aristocrat and renowned poet in the late Heian era. He compiled an anthology of poetry, the Senzaishū. He is the father of Fujiwara no Teika (also read Sadaie) who was also a well-known poet.

Traveling Monk (Lead Monk) and His Accompanying Monks

As a man who renounced the world, I even gave up enjoying flowers. As a man who renounced the world, I gave up enjoying the grace and beauty of flowers. Since I am such a man who abandoned enjoying the refined tastes of this world, I do not care even when clouds cover the moon.

Lead Monk

I used to be in the service of Lord Fujiwara no Shunzei, but since he passed away, I renounced the world. Because I have never been to the western provinces, I decided to travel and visit those places.

Walking towards the Seinan detached palace in Toba, we passed Yamazaki, the boundary of the city of Kyoto.

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All Monks (or only Lead Monk)

Despite its name, Sekido, we do not stop here for the night and keep traveling. It is true that we are unable to stop and stay often while traveling. As for myself, suffering from deep sadness, I am weary from constant contact with the dust of this world. Just crossing the Akutagawa River, we push through the bamboo grass and walk through the fields in Ina.

All Monks The water in Koya Pond reflects the moonlight beautifully and is clear to the bottom.

The sound of the breeze rustling in the reeds...

Accompanying Monks

Just as the sound of the breeze rustling in the reeds...

All Monks enters my ears without my hearing it, the deep sadness of this world comes into my ears although I renounced this world. We pass Mount Arima and are disturbed by the sufferings of this world, which do not allow us to peacefully lead a life of renunciation. In a temporary lodge for travelers, we are woken from a dream by the bell of Shitennō-ji Temple in Naniwa, which our drowsy ears hear faintly. We leave Naniwa and arrive at Naruogata. Look, small boats are floating in the waves offshore. Look, small boats are floating in the waves offshore.

Lead Monk

Since we made haste, we have already arrived at Suma Bay in Settsu Province. There is a cherry tree on the beach. It could be the famous tree called Wakaki no Sakura. Shall we stop and look at the cherry tree?

Accompanying Monks Yes, we shall. Story

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2. An Old Man Appears and Offers Flowers to the Cherry Tree

An old man approaches the cherry tree that the monks are viewing. He offers flowers and prayers before the tree.

Old Man Truly, in order to live in this world, I have never learned my lesson and continue to eke out a living with such hard labor. Even when I do not draw seawater, I must carry firewood from the mountain for baking salt. There is no time for me to dry my wet clothes. Before I have time to change clothes, I must go back and forth between the bay and the mountain, and this is how I live in this beach (village) in Suma.

> I hear the calls of the fishermen all the time. Plovers keep crying distantly and faintly.

This Suma Bay is famous for being desolate. To quote a poem (by Ariwara no Narihira), "If perchance someone asks after me, please tell them that I lead a lonely life, baking sea salt on the beach of Suma Bay and soaking my sleeves with tears and seawater." What this poem says is really true. Fishermen's boats, the smoke of baking salt, the sound of the wind traveling over the pine trees... everything here is extremely melancholy.

Also, there is a cherry tree behind a mountain in Suma. This tree marks someone's grave. (Also, this blossoming cherry tree marks someone's grave.) This is a good time for viewing cherry blossoms. Although I am only a passer-by, to value this temporary bond, I carry my feet forward and visit the tree on my way back from (when I go to) the mountain and make offerings. I will add a branch of cherry blossoms to my bundle of twigs, make an offering to the tree, and go home. Make an offering to the tree and go home.

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3. The Lead Monk Talks to the Old Man

The traveling lead monk talks to the old man and they have a conversation.

Lead Monk

Hello, old man over there. Are you from this mountain?

Old Man Yes. I am a sea salt baker living here in Suma Bay.

Lead Monk

A sea salt baker should live on the beach, shouldn't he? Since you walk to the mountain, aren't you a mountain man?

Old Man You are mistaken. (Some schools do not have this phrase.) Should a salt baker simply leave the sea water that he draws and not bake it?

Lead Monk

Oh yes, that is certainly true. When you bake salt, smoke rises in the evening...

Old Man and I go to gather firewood to bake the salt and keep the smoke rising.

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Though the paths are different to the ocean and the mountain, both are remote from any homes,

Old Man and I hardly hear any voices. How lonely is this Suma Bay.

Lead Monk

In the mountain just behind the bay,

Old Man plants for firewood grow.

Group Reciters

plants for firewood grow. (Some schools do not have this phrase.)

Reciters (Lead Monk)

I go to the mountain to gather firewood for baking salt.

Old Man Not knowing that I am such a sea salt baker, you, a reverent monk, spoke carelessly to me.

Suma Bay is truly different from other places. Usually the wind Reciters blowing down from the peaks cruelly scatter the cherry blossoms. However, the cherry blossoms in Suma Bay, known as Wakaki no Sakurai, are scattered by the wind coming across the sea.

4. The Old Man Recommends that the Monks Lodge under the Cherry Tree and Disappears

When the monk asks the old man to accommodate the group for the night, the old man tells him to sleep under the blossoming cherry tree.

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When the monk asks who will host them, the old man answers, "The cherry blossoms will be your host" and recites a poem by Taira no Tadanori, revealing that the tree marks the tomb of Tadanori. When the monk recites a sutra for consoling the soul of Tadanori, the old man is delighted and disappears behind the cherry tree.

Lead Monk

Well, old man, the sun is about to set. Would you mind accommodating us for tonight?

How unrefined you are. Nowhere could be a better lodging than staying under the blossoms of this cherry tree. (Then, let me invite you for tonight... wait, can you think of anywhere else better to stay for a night than under the blossoms of this cherry tree?)

Lead Monk

Truly, this is a splendid flower lodge, but who then will be our host?

"The sun set before I reached my destination, so I will stay under the branches of a cherry tree. The cherry blossoms will host me well tonight." The man who composed this poem is buried under the moss covering the roots of this tree. How pitiful. Even a lowly man like myself always visits this place to commemorate that man. Why don't you monks hold a memorial service for him, even though you are just passersby? What slow-witted monks you are.

Lead Monk

The man who wrote the poem, "The sun set before I reached my destination, so I will stay under the branches of a cherry tree. The cherry blossoms will host me well tonight," must have been the governor of Satsuma Province...

Old Man That's right. The author is Taira no Tadanori. He was killed in the

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Tadanori Story

> Battle of Ichi-no-tani. Someone connected to him planted this cherry tree as his grave marker.

Lead Monk

How peculiar that we encountered this tree. (This is totally unexpected.) My former master, Fujiwara no Shunzei had

Old Man (Lead Monk)

a close connection to him. They were friends in poetry.

Lead Monk (Old Man)

Now, Lord Tadanori hosts us

Old Man for the night. This is quite strange!

As your name is Lord Tadanori (nori, the Buddha's law), please listen to the teaching of the Buddha and reach Amida's Pure Land.

Old Man How wonderful. I will hear the preaching of the sutra, which will console my soul and allow me to now attain buddhahood. How splendid.

How strange that the old man listens to the chanting of the memo-Reciters rial service, and appears to find such joy in it.

Old Man I came all the way here to ask you to hold a memorial service.

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Tadanori Story

Reciters

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[Interlude]

5. A Man Living Nearby Tells the Monk the Story about the Cherry Tree and Tadanori's Final Moments

A man living nearby sees the group of monks and talks to them. As requested by the monk, he tells the history of the cherry tree as well as the last moments of Taira no Tadanori. When the lead monk reveals that they just met an old man, the local man says that the old man must be the ghost of Tadanori. He recommends the monk hold a memorial service for the ghost, then he leaves.

6. The ghost of Tadanori Appears and Entrusts the Monk with a Message for Teika

While the monks are dozing under the cherry tree, the ghost of Tadanori appears. Tadanori tells the monk that he regrets much that his poem, included in the *Senzaishū*, was attributed to "Anonymous" because his family lost the war and were labeled imperial enemies. He requests that the monk deliver a message to Fujiwara no Teika, asking him to put his name in the anthology.

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Lead Monk

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All Monks While talking about this, the evening moon quickly set. (Put one sleeve on the ground to prepare to sleep,)

Accompanying Monks

The evening moon quickly approaches the horizon. (Put one sleeve on the ground to prepare to sleep,)

All Monks It became so dark that we can no longer see the plovers who call to each other. Lying under the cherry tree that grows behind a mountain near the shore, the wind comes howling across the bay. Turning our thoughts to the cherry blossoms of springtime, its sound is terrifying. We have a temporarily stay for a night at such the barrier of Suma. This barrier of Suma is our makeshift place to spend the night. (Started to doze off, the moon has set, and the pitch darkness of night has come. Lying under the cherry tree that grows behind a mountain near the shore, our thoughts grow deep as the night grows late. How fiercely blows the wind. How fiercely blows the wind.)

Ghost of Tadanori

How shameful that I now show myself at the place where I was struck and killed, appearing in your (the lead monk's) dream. I came here as a ghost, to tell you my story, the story of the days when I was controlled by my delusions. My poem was selected for the *Senzaishū*, but sadly, because I became an imperial enemy, in the anthology my poem was listed as "author unknown." How pitiful. Though this world is filled with delusions, this remains my greatest earthly delusion. Furthermore, Lord Fujiwara no Shunzei, who compiled the $Senzaish\bar{u}$, is deceased. Since you were in the service of Lord Shunzei, would you help me by requesting Lord Teika, a son of Shunzei's, to include my name in the Senzaishū?

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Tadanori Story

> I am asking you this in your dream. Do not be wakened by the gusts blowing across Suma Bay. Do not wake up.

7. Tadanori Shows His Battle Scenes, Requests His Memorial Service, and Disappears

The ghost of Tadanori vividly describes scenes in the Battle of Ichi-no-tani and tells the monk about his final moments on Earth. Requesting the monk to console his soul, he returns beneath the cherry tree, his tomb.

Truly, it must be a great life to be born as a human being into a Reciters family that practices poetry as an occupation, masters the art of poetry, and lives together closely with poetry.

Lead Monk

In particular, this man, Tadanori, was highly renowned as a fine warrior as well as a talented poet.

The proposal to compile an imperial anthology, the *Senzaishū*, was Reciters made in the era of retired emperor Goshirakawa. Lord Shunzei was appointed as editor to select and compile the poems in the anthology.

It was in the autumn of 1183, when the Heike Clan left Kyoto.

Although I was extremely busy, although I was extremely busy, because my passion for poetry burned brightly in my heart, I returned to Kyoto from Kitsunegawa River and visited the house of Lord Shunzei to request that he select my poems for the imperial anthology. He accepted my request, so I returned to the battlefield. After floating on the ocean in the west, I tried to return and stay in Suma for a while. My mistake, however, was that I failed to notice that the area had no relationship with my Heike Clan. Rather, it is famous as the place that Hikaru Genji once lived in.

地

人とし 7 歌 5 0 家 に 61 ことこ 生 ま 0 和 な 歌 61 0 道を嗜み、 歌 に 心を寄せて生きることは

中でもこ 忠度は、 文武両道に秀でた方とし 世 間 でも高名を得 7 61

そもそも後白河 を選び 法皇 出 した 0 代に、 千載集を作 :る話 が 出 五條三位 俊成 が 選者を拝

寿永二年 61 61 は強く たとこ ŋ 磨 にも多忙な身で \mathcal{O} 浦 0 8 3 2 つ 地 が n あ 0 か あ つ 引 つ 平 き返 が \mathcal{O} を過 あまり ごそ 俊成 が W 和を出 も多忙 n 0 家に た時 にな身で つ \mathcal{O} のことである。 0 だ 自詠 が 西 あ 付 っ 0 0 波 歌 が を選 0 光 つ 上 わ 源氏 を船 が \mathcal{O} で 1/1 で が ほ \mathcal{O} つ

あ

つ

[kakeri (anguish dance)] (Each school has this scene at different timing. Some schools show [tachimawari] here.)

Accompanying the music with changing tempo, the ghost of a warrior (Taira no Tadanori in this piece) shows battle scenes in the Realm of Asuras. However, in this drama, the movement includes the graceful touches of the aristocracy.

Tadanori When I also tried to embark on a boat, I left the shore. But just as I looked back, I found a warrior announcing himself to me. He said, "I am Okabe no Rokuyata Tadazumi, from the Province of Musashi!" He chased after me with six or seven of his subordinates. I accepted his challenge. I jerked on my horse's reins and returned to the beach. Rokuyata then grabbed me, and we both fell between our horses. I held Rokuyata firmly and gripped my sword, but then,

Rokuyata's subordinate warrior, Rokuyata's subordinate warrior Reciters came from behind and cut off Tadanori's right arm, while he was astride Rokuyata. Tadanori then grabbed Rokuyata with his left hand and tossed him aside, knowing that he himself was beyond all help. He said, "everyone, move away from there. We shall pray toward the west. He then prayed, "The light of Amida Buddha illuminates every corner of the world. All living beings who invoke the Buddha's name he welcomes into his Pure Land. He never abandons living beings."

Reciters (Tadanori)

No sooner had he uttered this prayer,

地 (忠度)

そ

 \mathcal{O} 吉

0

後に

間もなく

忠度

ただし、 この 曲 では貴公子の のある囃子

の音楽に乗り

武将

の霊

0

曲

では平忠度)

修羅道

の

優美さも 加味され

乗ろう と名乗る者 に出 七騎で追 7 11 つ け 7 n きた。 返 むところ 玉 \mathcal{O} ょ

13

馬

 \mathcal{O}

太忠産がおれる 手綱を引 て返せば、 六弥太は む 組 できた。 両 者は 馬と馬 0 間 思 どう

落ちた。 の六弥太を取り が押さえ、 13 ざ刀に手をか け たところ

と思い h 0 た。 すると忠 太 度 0 家来が は 左手 で六 忠度 弥 0 を ろ B ž か 口 を言 h 投げ つ そ にな ば 7 つ 忠 やこ \mathcal{O} n ま

を唱える衆生を極楽に迎え見捨てることなどな 念仏 人々よ、 衆生摂取不捨 そこを退きなさ (阿 西を拝 光 明 は 0 隅 と祈ったが 々まであま 「光明遍照十

世界、

切

- 11 -

(流儀によって入る場所が変わり、 立廻り になる場合もある)

[カケリ]

そ

 \mathcal{O}

戦となっ

どう

しよう

もない

劣勢となり、平家

 \mathcal{O}

は皆が

に乗っ

て海

上を逃げようとした

Story

この

お方は、死骸を見

ばそ

長生きもできたであろう。

六弥太はその時、 こう思 うった。

あえなくも六弥太が太刀を抜き、

つ

に忠度の首を打ち落とす

されて、 長月 と箙を見 直垂を着 旧 「行き暮れて、 n ば不思議 る。 0 なことに 2 頃 0 の薄曇り 方で はな Ó 1, 空に降 0 短冊 平 る 0 公達 けられ 雨 だろろ \mathcal{O} 中 ź, 0 お名前を知 . る。 むら紅葉の 見れば りたいものだ、 ような美しい

(流儀によっては、下 「立廻 5 になる。 の変わる場合もある)

緩急のある囃子の音楽に乗り、 武将の霊 (この曲では平忠度) 17 の様子を表

ただし、 この曲では貴公子の優美さも加味される

忠度 (地) 木の下陰を宿とせば、

儀によっては、 入る場所が変わ 「カ ベケリ」 になる)

囃子に合わせて舞台を廻る所作。 心情の 10 らめきを表す。

(A lodge on a journey.)" "The sun set before I reached my destination, ... [kakeri] (It is replaced with [tachimawari] described below, depending on schools. Sometimes this *kakeri* is performed at a different time.)

than Rokuyata unsheathed his sword and slashed off Tadanori's

How sad. Looking at his corpse, this man is still young. He should

have been able to enjoy a long life. He wears such beautiful armor,

which reminds me of crimson maple leaves gleaming with drizzle

on a cloudy September day. He is no ordinary man; he must be a

member of the Heike family. I definitely want to know his name.

Checking his arrow holster, how interesting to find attached to it a

poem written on a strip of paper. Reading it, the title is, "Ryoshuku

With music of changing tempo, a ghost of warrior (in this piece, Taira no Tadanori) describes battle scenes in the Realm of Asuras. In this drama, however, the movements include the graceful touches of the aristocracy.

Tadanori (Reciters)

Tadanori

head.

Tadanori At that moment, Rokuyata thought,

... so I will stay under the branches of a cherry tree...

[tachimawari] (Depending on schools, this dance is performed at a different time and is replaced with [kakeri].)

The performance is a performer circles on the stage with music. The series of movements represents the emotional state of shite.

話をしようと、

暮

れを早め

てまで、 この

お留め

したの

で

今は私

の語ることに疑

(僧に語るよう

あなたが、

木の陰にお立

ち寄 、ある。

n

くださった

ので、

いもなかろう、

花が

根に還るように、

私は死後

の世界へ帰ろう、

私

の跡を弔い

木陰を旅の宿とするならば、

花こそが主人であ

Ď,

それ

は、

この私である。

と書か n 7

花や今宵のあるじならまし」

17 た。

名高い 薩摩守忠度、 そのお方に違 61 61 痛 わ いことだ。

さては疑いなく

Tadanori

Tadanori (Reciters)

It says, "by Tadanori."

Tadanori ... The cherry blossoms will host me well tonight."

Reciters

Without any doubt, this man must be the renowned governor of Satsuma Province, Taira no Tadanori. How pitiful.

Story

(Just as if talking to the monk) Since you were kind enough to stop beneath this cherry tree, I made time speed up and detained you until the time the sun set, recounting this story to you. You must believe my story now. Just as the petals of the cherry blossoms fall down upon the roots of the tree, I, too, return to the world of the dead. Please hold a memorial service for me. If you make your lodging beneath the branches of this cherry tree, its blossoms will be your host, the blossoms that are none other than myself.

Tadanori

Synopsis

There was a man in service to Fujiwara no Shunzei (the compiler of an imperial poetry anthology, the Senzaishū) and who renounced the world after the death of his master. On a spring day, he decides to visit places in the western region of Japan and departs Kyoto with his fellow monks. On their way, they stop at Suma Bay and find a cherry tree. Then, an old man appears before them and prays to the cherry tree to console someone's soul. Finding the old man, the traveling monk calls out to him and they have a conversation. The sun sets quickly. The monk asks the old man if he can accommodate the monk's group for the night. Then, the old man quotes a poem composed by Taira no Tadanori and recommends that they stay under the cherry tree for the night. He further mentions that he wants them to perform a memorial ceremony for the tree because it is the grave marker of Tadanori. When the monk holds a memorial service, the old man is delighted and disappears behind the cherry tree.

When the traveling monk sleeps under the cherry tree, the ghost of Tadanori appears in his dream. He laments that his poem was published anonymously in the *Senzaishū* anthology and requests that the monk talk to Fujiwara no Teika, who is the son of Shunzei and also a renowned poet, and have him clarify that the author of the poem is Tadanori. After showing the scene of his death in the Battle of Ichi-no-tani, the ghost returns to his place under the cherry tree while asking the monk to hold a memorial service for him.

Highlight

The lead character, Taira no Tadanori, was a mighty, well-respected warrior and an excellent poet; he was a very charming man with two completely different faces. His clan, the Heike, lost the war against the Genji, and this warrior lost his life in the Battle of Ichi-no-tani. He loved poetry much, and the main theme of this Noh drama is his deep commitment to poetry, which even allows him to transcend the boundary between this world and the next. Although his poem was selected for inclusion in the Senzaishū, an imperial anthology (a poetry anthology compiled under an order of an emperor), his name was left out because his family lost the war and were labeled imperial enemies. Tadanori, who became a ghost, appears in a dream of the traveling monk, who was a servant of Fujiwara no Shunzei (the editor of the anthology). He requests that the monk deliver his message expressing his desire to have his name included in the anthology. Tadanori, who pleads that his name be included, makes the audience understand how important it is for him to be remembered as a poet.

The beauty of this play, *Tadanori*, lays in its depiction of Tadanori's great passion for poetry, which is revealed in a story developed around a single poem about cherry blossoms. The story vividly describes this passion in a series of poetic and ethereal scenes. Since it includes the scene of his famous battle, the audience is trapped in the era and world in which Tadanori lived and enjoys sharing the dream with the traveling monk. This masterpiece exists beyond the dimensions of time and space, rich in the charms of Noh art.

Schools All five

Category The second group Noh, shura-mono

Author Zeam

Subject The Tale of the Heike, Volume 9
Season Spring (March in the lunar calendar)

Scene Suma Bay in Settsu Province

Characters Mae-shite Old Man

Nochi-shite The ghost of Taira no Tadanori

Waki Traveling monk (man in service to Fujiwara no Shunzei)

Waki-tsure Accompanying monks (2 or 3)

Ai Villager

Masks Mae-shite Waraijō, Asakuranojō, Sankōjō

Nochi-shite Chūjō, Imawaka

Costumes Mae-shite jō-kami (wig for old man's character), mizugoromo (a type

of knee-length kimono), kitsuke/muji-noshime (short-sleeved kimono with no pattern, worn as the innermost layer of the costumes of male characters of lesser standing), koshi-obi (belt), a fan, a cane, and a leaf

Nochi-shite kuro-tare (a black wig with hair extending slightly longer

than the shoulder), nashiuchi-eboshi (eboshi-style headdress), a white headband, chōken (a unlined, long-sleeved elegant garment worn by dancing female characters) [or hitoe-happi (single-lined happi-style kimono)], kitsuke / atsuita (a type of short-sleeved kimono mainly worn by male characters) [or kitsuke / karaori (a

mainly worn by male characters) [or kitsuke/karaori (a short-sleeved kimono outer robe worn by female characters), kitsuke/nuihaku], hakama in ōkuchi-style (white) [or colored], koshi-obi, a sword, a fan, and an arrow

with a strip of paper

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

mizugoromo, kitsuke / muji-noshime, koshi-obi, Buddhist

prayer beads, and a fan

Waki-tsure the same as Waki

Ai kyōgen-kamishimo (tops and bottoms of kimono for

kyōgen-kata)

Number of scenes Two

Length About 1 hour and 40 minutes

あらすじ

藤原俊成卿(勅撰和歌集「千載集」の選者)に仕えていた人物が、 俊成の死後に出家します。彼は西国行脚を思い立ち、春に従僧とともに 都を出ます。途中、旅僧一行は須磨の浦に立ち寄り、一本の桜の木を 目にします。するとそこに、一人の老人が現れました。老人は桜の木に 花を手向け、祈りを捧げていました。その姿に目を留めた旅僧は、老人 に話しかけ、しばし語り合った後、早くも日が暮れたため、一夜の宿を 頼みます。老人は、平忠度が詠んだ歌を引き合いに出して、桜の木陰 を宿にするよう勧め、この桜は忠度の墓標であるから、回向してほしい と頼みます。僧が回向すると老人は喜びの様子を見せながら、花の陰に 消えていきました。

旅僧が桜の木陰で寝入っていると、夢の中に忠度の亡霊が現れます。 忠度は、自分の歌が「詠み人知らず」として千載集に入っているのを嘆き、作者名を入れるよう、俊成の子の藤原定家に伝えてほしい、と僧に頼みます。その後、忠度は、一の谷の合戦で討ち死にした様子を表し、僧に回向を頼み、桜の木の下へと帰っていきました。

みどころ

主人公、平忠度は、武勇の誉れ高い侍でありながら、極めて優れた歌人でもあるという、異なる面を持った魅力的な人物です。源平の戦いに敗れ、一の谷の合戦で命を落とすのですが、彼は和歌を深く愛していました。この曲では、この世とあの世の境を越えるほどの、忠度の和歌へ注ぐ深い愛情が大きなテーマになっています。忠度の歌は、千載集という勅撰和歌集に入選したにも関わらず、戦いに負けて朝廷の敵になってしまったため、無名の人の作にされてしまいます。亡霊になって、勅撰集の選者(藤原俊成)の関係者である旅僧の夢に現れ、「名前を入れてください」と懇願する忠度の姿に、歌人としての名を残したいという、彼の非常に強い思いを感じます。

「忠度」という能の素晴らしさは、忠度の和歌への愛を、桜をモチーフにした一首の歌をめぐる物語に作り込んでいるところ。美しくも 儚い、詩的な情景の連なりとして、くっきりと描き出しています。戦いの名場面も組み込みつつ、観る者は、忠度の生きた時代、世界に入り込み、旅僧の夢を共に見ます。時空を超える、能の魅力のつまった名曲です。

流儀 五流にあり 分類 二番目物、修羅物

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場面 摂津国・須磨の浦

登場人物 前シテ 老人

後シテ 平忠度の亡霊

ワキ 旅僧 (藤原俊成卿に仕えた人)

ワキツレ 従僧二、三人

アイ 里人

面 前シテ 笑尉 (わらいじょう)、朝倉尉 (あさくらじょう)、

三光尉(さんこうじょう)

後シテ 中将(ちゅうじょう)、今若(いまわか)

装束 前シテ 尉髪、水衣、着付・無地熨斗目、腰帯、扇、杖、木の葉

後シテ 黒垂、梨打烏帽子、白鉢巻、長絹 [単法被(ひとえはっぴ)]、

着付・厚板[着付・唐織、着付・縫箔]、白大口[色大口]、

腰帯、太刀、扇、矢(短冊付け)

ワキ 角帽子、水衣、着付・無地熨斗目、腰帯、数珠、扇

ワキツレ ワキと同様

アイ 狂言上下(かみしも)

場数 二場

上演時間約1時間40分

忠度 (ただのり)

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