

## Meiko Kaji

### "The Flower of Carnage"

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Shindeita  
Asa ni  
Tomorai no  
Yuki ga furu

Hagure inu no  
Touboe  
Geta no  
Otokishimu

lin na naomosa  
Mitsumete aruku  
Yami wo dakishimeru  
Janomeno kasa hitotsu

Inochi no michi wo  
Yuku onna  
Namida wa tooni  
Sutemashita

Furimuita  
Kawa ni  
Toozakaru  
Tabinohima

Itteta tsuru wa  
Ugokasu  
Naita  
Ame to kaze

Kieta mizu mo ni  
Hotsure ga miutsushi  
Namida sae misenai  
Janomeno kasa hitotsu

Urami no michi wo  
Yuku onna  
Kokoro wa tooni  
Sutemashita

Giri mo nasake mo

Namida mo yume no  
Kinou mo ashita mo  
Henno nai kotoba

Urami no kawa ni  
Mi wo yudanete  
Honma wa tooni  
Sutemashita

Translation:

Begrieving snow falls in the dead morning  
Stray dog's howls and the footsteps of Geta pierce  
the air  
I walk with the weight of the Milky Way on my shoulders  
but an umbrella that holds onto the darkness is all  
there is.  
I'm a woman who walks at the brink of life and death  
who's emptied my tears many moons ago.  
All the compassion tears and dreams  
The snowy nights and tomorrow hold no meaning  
I've immersed my body in the river of vengeance  
and thrown away my womanhood many moons ago  
On the behalf of heaven, they're our soldiers, the loyal,  
invincible and brave.  
Now it's time for them to leave the country of their  
parents their hearts buoyed by encouraging voices.  
They are solemnly resolved not to return alive, without  
victory.  
Here at home, the citizens wait for you.  
In foreign lands, the brave troops  
Instead of kindness from someone  
I do not care about  
I rather prefer selfishness from you

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