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SUTOKU IN

for 2-part voices and piano
with optional SoundTrax*

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EMPEROR SUTOKU (1119-1164)

from Ogura Hyakunin Isshu (100 Japanese Poems)

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PART I

Se wo ha -

PIANO

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PART I

ya - mi, I - wa ni se - ka - ru - ru,

PART II

Se

PIANO

* Also available for 3-part mixed (50158). SoundTrax CD available (50160).
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Sutoku In is based on a Japanese waka, an ancient poetic form consisting of five lines of 5-7-5-7-7 syllables (31 in total). The author was Emperor Sutoku (1119–1164), who was forced to abdicate in 1142 and was exiled. Many people believed that Sutoku was cursed and that his vengeful spirit caused unlucky events and suffering after he died. In this waka, the water may symbolize the separation of Sutoku and his loved one. Written in exile, it could also represent the split from his home and the life he knew before.

Japanese

Se wo hayami
Iwa ni sekaruru
Taki-gawa no
Warete mo sue ni
Awan to zo omou.

Pronunciation

Seh woh hah-yah-mee
Ee-wah nee seh-kah-roo-roo
Tah-kee-gah-wah noh
Wah-reh-teh moh soo-eh nee
Ah-wahn toh zoh oh-moh-oo
(flip the letter r throughout)

Translation (by William N. Porter, 1909)

The rock divides the stream in two,
And both with might and main
Go tumbling down the waterfall;
But well I know the twain
Will soon unite again.

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Se wo ha - ya - mi, I - wa ni se - ka -
 wo ha - ya - mi, I - wa ni se - ka - ru -

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ru - ru, Ta - ki - ga - wa, ta - ki - ga - wa, ta - ki - ga - wa no,
 ru,

13

mp Wa - re - te mo
 mp Ta - ki - ga - wa, ta - ki - ga - wa, ta - ki - ga - wa no, Wa - re - te mo
 mp

poco rit.

16

su - e ni, A - wan to zo o - mo -

su - e ni, A - wan to zo o - mo -

poco rit.

19 *a tempo**p*

u.

p

u.

a tempo
mp

22 *mp* 23

The rock di - vides the stream in two, and

The rock di - vides the stream in two, and

25

both with might and main, Go tum - bling down the

both with might and main, Go tum - bling down the

28

wa - ter - fall, But well I know the twain will *mf*

wa - ter - fall, But well I know the twain will *mf*

31

soon, will soon, will soon u - nite a -

soon, will soon, will soon u - nite a -

34

gain. Will soon, will soon, will

gain. Will soon, will soon, will

37

poco rit. e decresc. *a tempo*

soon u - nite a - gain, a - gain

decresc.

soon u - nite a - gain, a gain.

poco rit. *a tempo*
mp

40

mf

The

mf

Se

cresc.

43

rock di - vides the stream in two, and both with might and

wo ha - ya - mi, I - wa ni se - ka - ru -

mf

46

main, Go tum - bling down the wa - ter - fall, But

- ru, Se wo ha - ya - mi, I - wa

49

51

well I know the twain will soon, will

ni se - ka - ru - ru, Ta - ki - ga - wa, ta - ki - ga - wa,

52

soon, will soon u - nite a - gain. Will
 ta - ki - ga - wa no, Ta - ki - ga - wa, ta - ki - ga - wa, ta - ki - ga - wa no.

55

soon, will soon, will soon u - nite a -
 Wa - re - te mo su - e ni. A - wan to zo

58

poco rit. e decresc. gain, a - gain. 61
decresc. o - mo - u. *p* Se wo ha -

poco rit. *a tempo*
p

ya - mi, I - wa ni se - ka - ru - ru,

p cresc. Se - ka - ru - ru, *mp*
cresc. Se - ka - ru ru, se

poco rit. ka ru - ru. *a tempo* *rit.* *p*
ka - ru - ru. *p*