

Translation and Pronunciation Guide

Hito wa ochime ga daiji

"One's true character can be seen in adversity"

Hito wa ochime ga daiji
Heé - toh wah oh - cheé - may gah dah'ee - jee

Makeru ga kachi

"Sometimes the best gain is to lose"

Makeru ga kachi
Mah - kay' - roo gah kah' - chee

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Two Japanese Proverbs

From a collection
of Kotowaza*

SATB divisi, a cappella

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Allegro ♩ = 208

Soprano (S)
Alto (A)
Tenor (T)
Bass (B)

mf non-legato

Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa,
Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa,

T
B

Hi - to wa o - chi - me Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me
Hi - to wa o - chi - me Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me

Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me ga_dai -
Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me ga_dai -

ji. Hi - to wa o - chi - me ga_dai - ji.
ji. Hi - to wa o - chi - me ga_dai - ji.

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ga dai - ji.
Hi - to wa o - chi-me
ga dai - ji.

ga dai - ji.
Hi - to wa o - chi-me
ga dai - ji.

17 S *mf legato*

A

Hi - to wa o - chi - me Hi - to wa

T *mp non-legato*

Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi-me Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa,

B *mp non-legato*

Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi-me Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa,

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o - chi - me Hi - to wa o - chi - me

mf legato

Hi - to wa o - chi - me

Hi - to wa o - chi - me

Hi - to wa o - chi - me Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi-me,

Hi - to wa o - chi - me

23 *f*

Hi - to wa o - chi - me Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa,
Hi - to wa o - chi - me Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa,
Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa,
Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa,

26 *cresc.*

Hi - to wa o - chi - me, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me
Hi - to wa o - chi - me, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me
Hi - to wa o - chi - me, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me
Hi - to wa o - chi - me, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me

29 *mp*

Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa,
Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa,
Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa,
Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa o - chi - me Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa,

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Hi-to wa o-chi-me,
Hi-to wa o-chi-me
Hi-to wa o-chi-me
Hi-to wa o-chi-me
Hi-to wa o-chi-me, ga - dai - ji.
Hi-to wa o-chi-me
Hi-to wa o-chi-me, ga - dai - ji.
Hi-to wa o-chi-me

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ga dai - ji.
Hi - to wa o - chi-me,
sub. p
ga dai - ji.
Hi - to wa o - chi-me,
sub. p
ga dai - ji. ga - dai - ji.
Hi - to wa o - chi-me,
sub. p
ga dai - ji. ga - dai - ji.
Hi - to wa o - chi-me,
sub. p
ga dai - ji. ga - dai - ji.
Hi - to wa o - chi-me,

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Hi-to wa o-chi-me, Hi-to wa o-chi-me - ga dai - ji.
Hi-to wa o-chi-me, Hi-to wa o-chi-me - ga dai - ji.
Hi-to wa o-chi-me, Hi-to wa o-chi-me - ga dai - ji.
Hi-to wa o-chi-me, Hi-to wa o-chi-me - ga dai - ji.
Hi-to wa o-chi-me, Hi-to wa o-chi-me - ga dai - ji.

Fine

45 *a tempo*
T *mp*

Ma-ke - ru, ma-ke - ru ga ka-chi, Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru
B *mp*

Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru

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ga - ka - chi. Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga ka - chi, Ma -
B *mf*

ga - ka - chi. Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru, Ma -

51 **S** *mf*

Ma - ke -
T *mp*

ke - ru - ga - ka - chi Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru
B *mp*

ke - ru ga ka-chi Ma - ke - ru ga ke - chi

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ru ga ka - chi. Ma -
T *mp*

ga ka - chi, Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga - ka - chi, Ma -
B *mp*

Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga - ca - chi, Ma - ke -

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ke - ru ga ka - chi, Ma - ke - ru
 ke - ru, ma - ke - ru ga ka - chi, Ma - ke - ru ga -
 ru, Ma - ke - ru Ma - ke - ru ga ca - chi

60 S

ga - ka - chi. Ma - ke - ru ga ka -
 A mp Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga ka - chi
 T mp Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga ka - chi, Ma -
 B mp Ma - ke - ru ga ka - chi. Ma -

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chi. Ma - ke - ru
 Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga ka - chi. Ma - ke - ru, Ma -
 ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga ka - chi, Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru
 ru Ma - ke - ru ga ka - chi, Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru

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ga ka-chi Ma - ke - ru ga - ka-chi
 ke - ru ga ka-chi ga - ka-chi. Ma - ke - ru, Ma -
 ga ka-chi, Ma - ke - ru ga - ka - chi.
 Ma-ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga Ka-chi. Ma-ke - ru ga ka - chi.

70 (*whispered*)

(whispered)

Hi - to wa o - chi - me ga dai - ji
 ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga - ka - chi. Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru
 (whispered) Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa
 Hi - to wa o - chi - me ga dai - ji

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Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga - ka - chi Ma - ke - ru
 ga - ka - chi.
 Hi - to wa o - chi - me, Hi - to wa
 Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga - ka - chi, Ma -

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ga ka-chi.
Hi - to wa o - chi-me ga dai - ji
Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga ka - chi, Ma -
ke - ru ga ka-chi.
Hi - to wa o - chi-me ga dai - ji

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Ma - ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga ka -
ke - ru, Ma - ke - ru ga ka - chi.
Hi - to wa, Hi - to wa
Hi - to wa o - chi-me ga dai - ji
Ma - ke - ru, ga ka -

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chi, ga ka-chi.
Hi - to wa o - chi-me, Hi - to wa
Hi - to wa o - chi-me, Hi - to wa
Hi - to wa o - chi-me, Hi - to wa
chi, a ka-chi.
Hi - to wa