

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER

a micro-opera for four voices and chamber ensemble

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Tranquil, but a little uneasy (♩ = 54)

Scene I

KUSHINADA

MIYANUSHI

ASHINADZU

Flute

Bass Viol

Piano

K.

M.

A.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene I

12

K.

M.
 month, with our last daughter! I can re - mem - ber... *pp*

A.
 (freely) *p*
 Quiet, Mi-ya; I hear Ku-shi co-ming.

Fl.
ppp

BVI.

Pno.
p

*

15 Light, with a quiet optimism (♩ = 72)

K.

M.

A.

Fl.
mf

BVI.
mf

Pno.
 Light, with a quiet optimism (♩ = 72)
mf

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19 *mf*

K. I have brought the rice you asked for.

M.

A.

Fl. *f* *mf*

BVI. *f* *mf*

Pno. *f* *mf*

23

K. The rest is waiting, ready, by the water wheel.

M. *mf*
Oh thank you, Ku - shi -

A.

Fl. *mf* *p*

BVI. *mf* *p*

Pno. *p*

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for a scene from 'The Eighth Daughter'. It features vocal parts for K. (Katherine), M. (Mother), and A. (Aunt), and instrumental parts for Flute (Fl.), Bassoon (BVI.), and Piano (Pno.). The music is in 4/4 time. The first system (measures 19-22) shows K. singing 'I have brought the rice you asked for.' with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The instrumental parts provide accompaniment, with the piano playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The second system (measures 23-26) shows K. singing 'The rest is waiting, ready, by the water wheel.' and M. singing 'Oh thank you, Ku - shi -'. The tempo and dynamics change, with a 12/8 time signature appearing in measure 24. The piano part continues with a similar rhythmic pattern.

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene I

27

K. *mf* Do — you know what day it is?

M. na-da.

A.

Fl. *p* *pp*

BVI. *pp*

Pno. *p*

32 *mf* No, Mother, what day is it?

M.

A. *f* *mf* To - day is the day we start brewing the Sa-ke! You are of age now; it is

Fl.

BVI. *f* *p* pizz.

Pno. *f* *p*

Reo. * Reo. * Reo. * Reo. *

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene I

37

K. *mf*

M. *mf*
Come, let us show

A. *f*
time for you to learn!

Fl. *f* *arco* *f* *mf*

BVI. *f* *mf*

Pno. *f* *mf*

41

K. *p*
(take time)
I know a

M. *p* *pp*
you. I re-member when Na-na-ko...

A. *p* *pp*

Fl. *p* *pp* *p*

BVI. *p* *pp* *p*

Pno. *p* *pp* *p*

molto rit. *a tempo*

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene I

46

K. lit - tle; I used to sit and watch my sis - ters.

M.

A.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

fp *f*

f

50

K. *mp* First we must po - lish the grains.

M. *mp* Yes, first by hand, now; pour a small a - mount and grind them

A.

Fl.

BVI. pizz.

Pno. *p*

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene I

54

K. _____

M. _____
light - ly.

A. _____

Fl. _____

BVI. _____

Pno. _____

58

K. _____

M. _____
Like this?

A. _____
Yes, that's

Fl. _____

BVI. _____

Pno. _____

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene I

62

K. 

M. *mf* 

A. 

Fl. 

BVI. 

Pno. 

65

K. 

M. 

A. 

Fl. 

BVI. 

Pno. 

Reo. * Reo. *

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene I

69 *rit.* Tranquil, but a little uneasy ($\text{♩} = 54$)

K.

M.

A.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

69 *pp* *pizz.* *p*

69 *p* *pp* *p*

69 *rit.* Tranquil, but a little uneasy ($\text{♩} = 54$)

75

K.

M.

A.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

75 *mp* *ppp* *p*

but one more month...—

Scene II

Somewhat slowly, but freely (♩ = ca. 63)

KUSHINADA

NANA KO

Flute

Bass Viol

Piano

Somewhat slowly, but freely (♩ = ca. 63)

K.

N.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

8va

Rea

*

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene II

Steadily, but without any urgency (♩ = ca. 56)

K. *p* 3
 What are you do ing, Na na ko?

N. *p* 3
 I am steam ing the rice, Kushi,

Fl.

BVI.

Steadily, but without any urgency (♩ = ca. 56)

Pno. *p* *8va*
Red. ad lib

12
 K.

N. 5 *mp*
 for the ce re mo ni al sa ke. Next year, you'll be of

Fl. 12 *pp* 5 3 3 3
pp

BVI. *pp* *pp*

Pno. *pp* *loco* 12 *8va* *mf* *mp*
 3 3 3 3

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene II

Taken aback, slightly panicked (♩ = ca. 90)

15

K. *mf* My job?! Why, Na na ko,

N. age; watch close ly, for this will be your job then!

Fl. *ppp* pizz.

BVI. *ppp* *f*

Pno. *p* *mf*

Taken aback, slightly panicked (♩ = ca. 90)

*

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 63)

18

K. where will you be?

N.

Fl. *fp* *pp*

BVI. *pp*

Pno. *f*

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 63)

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22 Tempo II (♩ = ca. 56)

K.
 N.
 Fl.
 BVI.
 Pno.
 p
 Oh, sis ter, you are so young, and our pa rents have
 8va
 mp
 25
 K.
 N.
 Fl.
 BVI.
 Pno.
 8va
 thought to shield you. Do you know the eight mountains that shade us here?
 I know them.
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29 Quick, nervous (♩ = ca. 84)

K.

N. *mp* They house a ter ri ble

Fl. *mp* arco

BVI. *mp*

Pno. *mp* *mf*

33

K.

N. *mf* ser pent. Our pa rents set tled un know ing! *f* And

Fl. *mf*

BVI. *mf*

Pno.

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene II

36

K.

N. each year ³it descends to take the ³nest

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

39

K.

N. child as payment for one more year of life for the rest

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

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43

K. *frantic* *p* *mf*
I can not bear this thought... why don't you run?

N.

Fl. *pp*

BVI. *pp*

Pno. *pp*

47

K.

N. *calmly* *p*
If I fled O ro chi would on ly turn on you who re main!

Fl.

BVI.

Pno. *mf*

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene II

50 Tempo II (♩ = ca. 56)

K. 

N. 

Fl. 

BVI. 

Pno. 

8va
Rec. ad lib

54

K. 

N. 

Fl. 

BVI. 

Pno. 

8va
loco
mf *mp*

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene II

57

K.

N. *pp*

Fl. *pp*

BVI.

Pno. *p*

come, some day.

5

The musical score for measures 57-60 is written for five instruments: Klarinet (K.), Nadler (N.), Flöte (Fl.), Bassviola (BVI.), and Piano (Pno.). The music is in 4/4 time. The vocal line (N.) has the lyrics "come, some day." The piano accompaniment (Pno.) features a melodic line in the right hand and a harmonic line in the left hand. The flute (Fl.) and bassviola (BVI.) parts have a melodic line with a fermata at the end of measure 60. The dynamic markings are *pp* for the flute and *p* for the piano.

Scene III

Steady; with a sense of impending doom (♩ = 60)

MIYANUSHI

ASHINADZU

Flute

Bass Viol

Steady; with a sense of impending doom (♩ = 60)

Piano

M.

A.

Are we cruel pa - rents, — Mi - ya?

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene III

10 *p*

M. *How do you mean?*

A. *Se-ven years we've stayed here, al-low-ing each to be de-*

Fl. *pp*

BVI. *pp*

Pno. *pp*

14

M. *It would have been hope-less, A-shi. O-ro-chi con-*

A. *voured, Ne-ver leaving, ne-ver try-ing to e-scape!*

Fl. *ppp*

BVI. *ppp*

Pno. *pp*

Rec.

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene III

M. 18 *mp*

trols the mountains, and the val-leys. The ri-ver flows down to us, we can - not fight its

A.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

M. 21 Slightly faster ($\text{♩} = 72$)

current.

A.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

pp Slightly faster ($\text{♩} = 72$)

f

pp *f*

pp *f*

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25 *rit.* Tempo I (♩ = 60)

M.

A.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

*

30

M.

A.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

*

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene III

M. *mf* 34 It would be too dif - fi - cult. She is a lone, now!

A. *mf* We should pre -

Fl. 34

BVI. *pp*

Pno. 34

M. Slightly faster (♩ = 72) (shouted) *f* 37 No! That would be cruel; she is on-ly now of

A. *f* (spoken, in a sing-song voice, as if calling out) No! pare her, or warn her, at least! Kushi!

Fl. *f* *pp* *ff* *pp* 37

BVI. *fp* *ff* *pp* 37

Pno. *fp* *sffz* Slightly faster (♩ = 72) 37

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41

M. age! Na-na-ko was ol-der; the o-th-ers were ol-der still!

A.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

pp *ff*

8^{va} 8^{vb} Ped. *

46 In reluctant agreement; freely, but not too quickly

M. *p* (reassuringly) Don't worry; A-mate-ra-su will shine fa-vor on us a-gain, some-day. (hesitant) *pp*

A. (resigned, defeated) *p* I don't know ___ if I can take this ___ an-y-more, Mi-ya.

46

Fl.

BVI.

46 In reluctant agreement; freely, but not too quickly

Pno.

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51 *Tempo I* (♩ = 60)

M.

A.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

pp

mp

pp

pp

56

M.

A.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

pp

ppp

pp

ppp

ppp

Scene IV

Anxiously (♩ = 96)

KUSHINADA

Flute

Bass Viol

Piano

Measures 1-6. KUSHINADA: Rest. Flute: Rest in measures 1-2, then melodic line starting in measure 3 with *ppp* and *p* dynamics. Bass Viol: *pizz.* and *p*. Piano: *p*. Performance instructions: *pizz.*, *arco*.

K.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

My last day...

Measures 7-11. K.: Melodic line starting in measure 7 with *p* dynamic. Fl.: *ppp* and *p*. BVI.: *arco* and *pizz.*. Pno.: *pp* < *mp* and *p*. Lyrics: "My last day...".

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene IV

11

K. *p* *mp*
 my last hours... O - ro - chi will

Fl. *pp* *pp* *pp*

BVI. *mp* *p* *p*

Pno. *mp* *pp* *mp* *p*

15

K. *mf* *pp* *p*
 be here soon, too soon... to take my life,

Fl. *p* *ppp* *pp*

BVI. *mf* *p*

Pno. *mp*

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19

K. *pp* *p* *3*
 — end this ex - is - tence. — Oh, Na - na - ko, —

Fl. *p* *mp* *pp* *3*

BVI.

Pno. *pp*

24

K. *f*
 — how did you han - dle this? — How could you face this, — the end?

Fl. *mp* *3* *f* *arco*

BVI. *f*

Pno. *f*

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27 *pp*

K.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

f

f

3 3 3

31 *p* *f*

K.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

mp *pp* *f*

pp *f*

3 3 3

My last — day... I can't, can't

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene IV

Trembling, a bit faster ($\text{♩} = 108$)

35

K. pos - si - bly! I could

Fl. *f* *pp*

BVI. *f* *p*

Pno. *f* *pp*

Trembling, a bit faster ($\text{♩} = 108$)

Lea. **Lea.*

39

K. run, I could flee this _____ place! _____ Leave my

Fl. *pp*

BVI. *p* *p*

Pno. *pp* *pp*

Lea. **Lea.* * *Lea.* **Lea.*

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42

K. home, my ev' - ry - thing! I can es -

Fl. *mp mp mf*

BVI. *mp mp mp*

Pno. *mp p p*

* Leo. *

45

K. cape this fate, this role, I ne - ver

Fl. *p mp*

BVI. *mf mp*

Pno. *mf mp*

* Leo. *

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48

K. wan ted!

Fl. *f* *p* *mp*

Bvl. *f* *p*

Pno. *f* *pp*

Reo.

53

K. But my pa-rents? E - ven now, — how — can I — a -

Fl. 53

Bvl. 53

Pno. 53 *ppp*

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59 *Tempo I* (♩ = 96)
pp

K. ban - don?

Fl. *ppp* *p*

BVI. *p*

Pno. *p* *Tempo I* (♩ = 96)

64 *p*

K. My ——— last day...

Fl. *ppp* *ppp* *p*

BVI. *arco* *pizz.*

Pno. *pp* *mp* *p*

THE EIGHTH DAUGHTER • Scene IV

69

K. *p* *mp*
 my last _____ hours... _____ The sa - ke is

Fl. *pp* *pp* *pp*

BVI. *mp* *p* *p*

Pno. *mp* *pp* *mp* *p*

73

K. *mf* *pp* *p*
 near - ly read - y, _____ near ly done. _____ Eight _____ times _____

Fl. *p* *ppp* *pp*

BVI. *mf* *p*

Pno. *mp*

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77

K. *pp* *p* *3*
 — it has been — pur - i - fied... I am the eighth;

Fl. *p* *mp* *pp* *3*

Bvl. *pp*

Pno. *pp*

82

K. *f*
 — am I the one who can end this ter - ror?

Fl. *mp* *3* *f* *arco*

Bvl. *f*

Pno. *f*

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85 *pp*

K.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

89 *p*

K.

Fl.

BVI.

Pno.

My last day...

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93

K. (spoken) Amaterasu, watch over me. (whispered) I am ready.

93

Fl. *pp* *ppp*

BVI. *pp*

Pno. *pp*