英語で読む星野富弘 鈴の鳴る道

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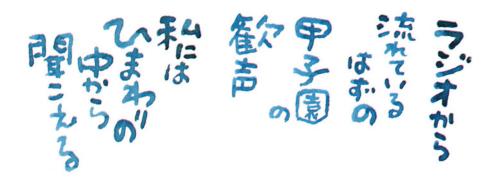
Flowering Quinces 1986
Winter Daphnes 1985



The fragrance of daphnes
Floats on the morning breeze.

I feel I can be nice
To every person I meet.

Sunflower 1983 Ears of Wheat 1986





The shouts and cheers
Of high school baseball games
On the radio, to my ears
Boom out from the sunflowers.

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Ears of wheat, all in a row,
Not too far nor too close,
None too tall nor too short,
Looking alike yet none the same.
Arrows shot straight from the sun.

On the Snow 1986



Enduring to the very last,
The bamboo cracked and fell.
I saw how you shook off the snow
That bent the backs of your fellow bamboo stalks

As you fell.

Look at them all now, standing tall again

Above your fallen self.



I don't care if I am slow. Go slow and careful like walking on virgin snow, And leave footprints clear and defined.

Today, I resolved, I shall do nothing. It's on such days I feel the flowers Edge closer to me.

# WORDS & PHRASES: Hometown Paths

### **P.10 Flowering Quinces**

flowering quince ボケ

**glowing** 彫明るい

**P.11 Winter Daphnes** 

winter daphne ジンチョウゲ

### P.12 Tree Peony

tree peony ボタン

traverse 動 〈場所を〉 横切る

petal 图花びら

crest 图山頂

stamen 国 雄しべ

pistil 图 雌しべ

### P.13 A Flower's Name

morn 图朝

### P.14 Lily Magnolias

lily magnolia モクレン

erect 形〈姿勢などが〉直立した、まっすぐな

at the mercy of  $\sim$   $\sim$  ox = ox

wilt 動〈草花などが〉しおれる

### **P.16 Potato Flowers**

### P.17 Daylilies

daylily 图キスゲ

humble 形 [謙遜して] つまらない, 重要でない

**towering** 形 そびえ立つ

### P.18 Whiteman's Foot

whiteman's foot オオバコ

footfall 图足音

tidings 图便り、ニュース

### P.19 Creeping Lettuce

creeping lettuce ジシバリ

pebble 图小石

### P.20 Periwinkles

periwinkle 图ニチニチソウ **enfold** 動 ~を包む, くるむ

## **P.21** Japanese Woodland Catchfly

Japanese woodland catchfly フシグロセンノウ

**enclose** 動 〈土地など〉を (<sup>\*\*\*</sup> を れなどで) 囲む

railing 图闸

### P.22 Sunflower

**boom** 動 とどろく, 響き渡る

### P.23 Ears of Wheat

### P.24 Zinnias

zinnia 图 ヒャクニチソウ

**spew** 動~を吐き出す

toil 图 苦役,骨折り仕事

### P.25 Goldband Lilies

goldband lily ヤマユリ

leak 国小便すること

### **P.26 Wild Chrysanthemums**

**flutter** 動〈木の葉や紙切れなどが〉舞う

**blustery** 形風の吹きすさぶ

sprig 图小枝

### P.27 Cosmos

sway 動~を揺り動かす

### P.28 Japanese Stewartia

Japanese stewartia ナツツバキ

debris 名ごみ

grub 图 (カブトムシなどの) 幼虫, 地虫

### P.29 Wayside Weeds

wayside 国道ばた

bumpkin 图 ぶこつ者, いなか者

**clad** 形 (~を) 着た

rag 名ぼろ

holler 動叫ぶ

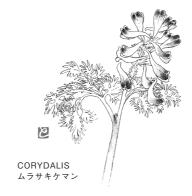
taro 图 タロイモ, サトイモ

rape blossom 菜の花

### P.30 Cyclamens

edge 動少しずつ進む

# Backwards



When I am in the wheelchair, I spend a considerable amount of time going backwards. The neighborhood around our house is hilly. It is scary going downhill since I cannot support my upper body with my arms and it feels like I might topple over. On the other hand, if I go backwards I can settle against the backrest and go down the incline as if I were the CEO of a major corporation sitting in his plush chair.

Small ups and downs found everywhere on roads

I also maneuver backwards, first letting the back wheel
down the bump.

I find the power of going backwards is maximized when I am with someone. I always have the wheelchair about five or six paces ahead, facing whoever is walking with me. It is like sitting opposite one another on a train — we can talk as we face each other and it is very convenient. Especially when a distant friend comes for a rare visit, and we are reluctant to part, we can talk while going along the pathways running between the rice paddies. The rear-facing wheelchair

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backwards 副後ろへ,後ろ向きに

considerable 形かなりの、相当の

hilly 形丘の多い
cf. hill 国丘
downhill 副坂を下って
topple 動前に傾く、のめる

settle 動落ち着く

backrest 名背もたれ incline 名斜面, 坂

**CEO** (= chief executive officer)

组 最高経営責任者

corporation 図法人,会社 plush 圏豪華な,高級な maneuver 動 ~をうまく操る bump 図(道路の) 隆起

maximize 動 ~を最大にする

pace 名歩幅 (=step) face 動~と向き合う whoever 飛籠であれ~する人

reluctant to 〜 〜したくない part 動別れる pathway ②小道 rice paddy 水田 rear-facing 服後ろ向きの becomes an ideal vehicle at such times.

I also go backwards when I have to proceed against the gales Gunma is famous for, and when I see a beautiful woman, appreciating her reflection in the rearview mirror of my wheelchair.

Come to think of it, I've liked the backwards position since when I was small. Whenever I rode the train, I preferred to sit with my back towards the destination, gazing at the receding view rather than the approaching scenery. I've always liked the sunset more than the sunrise.

People often say that you shouldn't look back and that you should look toward the future, but can people really go through life without looking back? Besides,

I'm not so sure that constantly looking forward is such a great approach to life. Of course, we won't get anywhere if we spend too much time looking back, but I feel that considering it a vice may make everyday life rather stifling.

The physical body, though not every part of it, seems to be made to go backwards.

I spent many years doing gymnastics. Many of the moves involve going backwards. For instance, a backward somersault is more beautiful and faster than the forward. The double somersault and moves involving twists are all performed by propelling the body backwards.

The Fosbury flop garners higher marks in the

vehicle 国乗り物

proceed 動進む

gale 名強風

appreciate 動 ~を鑑賞する, ~のよるを認める

reflection 図 (鏡などに映った) 姿 rearview mirror バックミラー come to think of it 考えてみると

destination 図目的地, 行き先 gaze 動じっと見つめる, 凝視する recede 動遠ざかる

**go through** ~ ~を通り抜ける

vice 图悪い行い

stifling 圏 窮屈な, 息苦しい cf. stifle 動 息苦しくなる physical 圏 身体の, 肉体の

gymnastics 图体操

somersault 図 とんぼ返り, 宙返り twist 図 ねじること perform 動 ~を行う

# **NOTES:** Backwards

P.76 3行目 It is scary going downhill

坂を下るのはこわい

「It is +名詞・形容詞 + ~ing」で「~するのが…だ」という意味です。この It は 形式的な主語です。

**it feels like I might topple over** 私は前に倒れるような気がする

「feel like +文」で「~するような気がする」という意味です。

as if I were the CEO of a major corporation sitting in his plush chair

まるで豪華な椅子に座った大会社のCEO(最高経営責任者)であるかのように

「as if +仮定法過去」は「まるで~であるかのように」という意味です。 [用例] He talks as if he knew everything about jazz music. 彼はジャズ音楽なら何でも知っているようなロぶりだ。

sitting ~は CEO を修飾しています。

9行目 Small ups and downs found everywhere on roads I also maneuver backwards, first letting the back wheel down the bump.

道路のあちこちにあるちょっとした上り下りも、まず後輪でこぶを降り、後ろ向きで進む。

動詞 maneuver の目的語(Small ups and downs ~ on roads)が文頭に出ています。found everywhere on roads は ups and downs を修飾しています。first letting ~は「~しながら」という意味の付帯状況を表す分詞構文です。

**I find the power of going backwards is maximized** 後ろ向きに進む力が最大に発揮されるのに気づく



I find の後に接続詞 that が省略されています。the power of going backwards が that 節の主語です。

facing whoever is walking with me 誰であろうと一緒に歩いている人に向き合いながら

付帯状況を表す分詞構文で、and I face ~と言い換えられます。

**It is like sitting opposite one another on a train** 電車でお互いに向き合って座っているようなものだ

「It is like +名詞」は「~のようである」という意味です。sitting は動名詞です。

we can talk while going along the pathways running between the rice paddies

田んぼの間を通っている小道を歩きながら話すことができる

 $\Rightarrow$ 

while going along  $\sim$ は while の後に we are が省略されています。 running  $\sim$ は pathways を修飾しています。

P.77 8行目 I preferred to sit with my back towards the destination, gazing at the receding view rather than the approaching scenery 私は向かってくる景色より、遠のいていく景色を眺めながら、目的地の方に背

私は向かってくる景色より、遠のいていく景色を眺めながら、目的地の方に背中を向けて座るのが好きだった

with my back ~の with は付帯状況を表しています。

[用例] The boy was standing there with his cap in his right hand. その少年は帽子を右手に持ってそこに立っていた。

gazing at ~は「~しながら」という意味の付帯状況を表す分詞構文です。 receding も approaching も後の名詞を修飾しています。