

- Seven Seas -



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夏になると/ 人は海を求める// 「七つの海」を旅することは/ 今では贅沢の頂点だ// お金持ちはヨットを買って/ 何年も何年もしまっておく / が、全く使う様子が見られない// 中には夢を見る者もいる/ 芳醇なフルーツのドリンク/ 髪をゆらす爽やかな風の中で// 彼らが見るのは美女のおしゃれな水着 / 綿のショートパンツとデッキシューズをはいたハンサムたち / みんなバラ色のサングラスをかけている//

われわれの海をめぐるロマンスは/ その洪水よりも古い / 世界をいちど沈めてしまった// かつての世界帝国は滅んだ—青銅器時代の崩壊だ// 気候が変わり、海は上昇し、海賊たちが沿岸を荒らしまわった。// 語り継がれた歴史は、やがて神話へと姿を変えた// (すなわち)アトランティスのような、古代のハイテクな遺跡 / そして古代の神の機械人形 (兵隊) など//

他の偉大な物語 / 霧に包まれた危険 / 奪われた財宝たち / が語るのは力強いヴァイキング (海賊) たちだ / 彼らは遠くへと冒険した / はるかビザンティウム (イスタンブール) / 更にはヴィンランド (今のカナダ・ニューファンドランド) まで// キリスト教の修道士たちは、人魚や楽園の島を見出した / 西方の彼方で// 仏僧たちは、歓喜あるいは恐怖を見出した / 尽きぬ若さに / 東の彼方の蓬莱山で//

現代における、その例 (海のロマンス)こそ『ワンピース』である。

Vocabulary and Phrases

seek	求める	collapse	崩壊
luxury	贅沢	automaton	自動人形
hoard	蓄え/宝庫	misty	霧のかかった
(horde)	群衆	mighty	力づよい
yacht	ヨット		
brisk	さわやかな・活発な		
tasteful	上品な		

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【Listen & Fill Blank】

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【Q&A / A&Q】

Question 1: What is the peak of luxury today, according to the text?

Question 2: How do people imagine life on a yacht, according to the text?

Question 3: Do you like stories or shows like One Piece? Why or why not?

Ask 1: 答えが「mount Horai」である質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 2: “One piece”についての質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 3: 本文について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

Sample Answer 1: Sailing the great seven seas is now the peak of luxury.

Sample Answer 2: They imagine fruity drinks, stylish swimwear, handsome men and young beauties with rose-tint sunglasses, and the wind in their hair.

Sample Answer 3: Yes, I like One Piece because it's full of adventure and surprises. / No, it's too long and confusing for me. / I love pirate stories but do not like One Piece / No, I do not like the sea, and it scares me. / etc...

Sample Question 1: What place did Buddhist monks sail to and find bliss or despair?

Sample Question 2: Did St Brendan find bliss or despair? / Why would he go looking for islands?/ What crazy adventures did St Brendan have? / etc...

Sample Question 3: What is so great about the sea anyway? / How big is the sea? / Why are there seven seas? / Where can I find stories about the sea? / etc...