

Performance Note

The vowel sound "o" should be pronounced as in *story*

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Cherry Blossoms

Japanese folk song

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♩ = 66

Duration: ca. 2'30"

Soprano

mp

sah koo rah sah koo rah yah yo ee no so rah wah
 sah ee tah sah koo rah hah nah mee teh mo do roo
 sah koo rah sah koo rah no yah mah mo sah to mo

Alto

mp

sah koo rah sah koo rah yah yo ee no so rah wah
 sah ee tah sah koo rah hah nah mee teh mo do roo
 sah koo rah sah koo rah no yah mah mo sah to mo

Bass

mp

sah koo rah sah koo rah yah yo ee no so rah wah
 sah ee tah sah koo rah hah nah mee teh mo do roo
 sah koo rah sah koo rah no yah mah mo sah to mo

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S

pp *mf*

mee wah tah soo kah gee ree kah soo mee kah koo mo kah nee o ee zo
 yo shee no wah sah koo rah tah tsoo tah wah mo mee jee kah rah sah kee
 mee wah tah soo kah gee ree kah soo mee kah koo mo kah ah sah hee nee

A

pp *mf*

mee wah tah soo kah gee ree kah soo mee kah koo mo kah nee o ee zo
 yo shee no wah sah koo rah tah tsoo tah wah mo mee jee kah rah sah kee
 mee wah tah soo kah gee ree kah soo mee kah koo mo kah ah sah hee nee

B

pp *mf*

mee wah tah soo kah gee ree kah soo mee kah koo mo kah nee o ee zo
 yo shee no wah sah koo rah tah tsoo tah wah mo mee jee kah rah sah kee
 mee wah tah soo kah gee ree kah soo mee kah koo mo kah ah sah hee nee

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S

p **x 3**

ee zoo roo ee zah yah ee zah yah mee nee yoo kah nn
 no mah tsoo to kee wah to kee wah foo kah mee do ree
 nee o sah koo rah sah koo rah hah nah zah kah ree

A

p **x 3**

ee zoo roo ee zah yah ee zah yah mee nee yoo kah nn
 no mah tsoo to kee wah to kee wah foo kah mee do ree
 nee o sah koo rah sah koo rah hah nah zah kah ree

B

p **x 3**

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Lyrics in Japanese (Romaji)

sakura sakura
yayoi no sora wa
mi-watasu kagiri
kasumi ka kumo ka
nioi zo izuru
izaya izaya
mini yukan

saita sakura
hana mite modoru
yoshino wa sakura
tatsuta wa momiji
karasaki no matsu
tokiwa, tokiwa
fukamidori

sakura sakura
noyama mo sato mo
mi-watasu kagiri
kasumi ka kumo ka
asahi ni niō
sakura sakura
hana zakari

Approximate Translation

Cherry blossoms, cherry blossoms
Across the spring sky
As far as the eye can see
Is it mist or clouds?
Fragrant in the air
Come now, come now
Let's go and see them.

Cherry blossoms have bloomed
I'll go home after seeing the flowers
Yoshino, famous for cherry blossoms
Tatsuta, famous for autumn leaves
Karasaki, famous for pine trees
Evergreen, evergreen
A deep green colour.

Cherry blossoms, cherry blossoms
In fields, mountains and villages
As far as the eye can see
Is it mist or clouds?
Fragrant in the rising sun
Cherry blossoms, cherry blossoms
Flowers in full bloom.