

## ZULF'S LETTER TO JAPANESE LADIES

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Dear Japanese Ladies,

You know, when I was in high school, I made a Japanese pen pal. Her name was Emi Kato. I lost the beautiful silk print she sent me but it was dear to me. When I went to Princeton, I used to wear it as a bandana, with black army jacket. I liked that red-black style then. Now I am 49. It's true. I'm a lazy crybaby. I blackmail all sorts of people without concern while being on disability in Allen Texas. I tell people whatever I feel like now. Life is short. I was hobo in New York 2008 for six months. I'm pretty honest though. Do you like "No Myth" of Michael Penn? I never figured it out. Listen to it.

So  
She says it's time she goes  
But wanted to be sure I know  
She hopes we can be friends  
I think  
Yeah, I guess we can, say I  
But didn't think to ask her why  
She blocked her eyes and drew the curtains  
With knots I've got yet to untie  
What if I were Romeo in black jeans  
What if I was Heathcliff, it's no myth  
Maybe she's just looking for  
Someone to dance with  
See  
It was just too soon to tell  
And looking for some parallel  
Can be an endless game  
We  
We said goodbye before hello  
My secrets she will never know  
And if I dig a hole to China  
I'll catch the first junk to Soho  
What if I were Romeo in black jeans  
What if I was Heathcliff, it's no myth  
Maybe she's just looking for  
Someone to dance with  
Some time from now you'll bow to pressure  
Some things in life you cannot measure by degrees  
I'm between the poles and the equator  
Don't send no private investigator

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To find me please  
'Less he speaks Chinese  
And can dance like Astaire overseas  
(Okay)  
What if I was  
So, what if I was  
Maybe she's just looking for  
Someone to dance with  
What if I was Romeo in black jeans  
What if I was Heathcliff, it's no myth  
Maybe she's just looking for  
Someone to dance with

Da da dum da da dum dum We said goodbye before hello. My secrets she will  
never know. And if I dig a hole to China. I'll catch the first junk to Soho. Da da  
dum da da dum dum dum What if I was

#### REFERENCES

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