

Almost as Beautiful as a Cherry Tree

(意味の区切れでスラッシュ&ルビ入り)

1. 大意をつかむ

★質問★ アメリカから日本に贈られた花に関する自分物はどれですか。

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What is / ^{ほとんど} as beautiful as a cherry tree / in the spring? // You can see this tree / in Japan / ^{同様に} as well as in the U.S. // Many people know / that Tokyo gave cherry trees / to the U.S. / ^{以上} more than 100 years ago, / but did you know / that the U.S. gave Japan / other trees / ^{お返しに} in return? // The American trees are ^{呼ばれる} called / "flowering dogwoods" in English, / or "hanamizuki" in Japanese. // They are a symbol of spring / in the eastern part / of the U.S. // In the last 30 years ^か or so, / Nagoya has ^{植えた} planted dogwoods / ^{~に沿って} along its streets. // They are / at their most beautiful / right now. // I feel lucky / to ^{できる} be able to go dogwood-viewing / near home.