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*The Japanese Environmental Agency has compiled a list of  
Significant Sound and Silence sites throughout Japan:*

SOUNDS STATIONS OF THE TOKKAIDO

An everyday morning in a shrine garden,  
diverse hydrangea a rainy present.  
Light fallen leaves of the wintry wind,  
wooden length of camphor tree from the midst of the bud.  
An apricot bears fruit under the frog-ringing Nagano,  
a summer Nada sea meets the beach,  
the empty five inlets calling the water.  
Where the sands leap, a duck.  
Children jump, seeking, swimming.

At the time of the flood tide an intersection of waves dances.  
Also every evening at 6 o'clock,  
when the evening sun whirls the sky,  
the wind of that time carries the salt-pond sedge,  
shakes three lamps' difference of darkness in the bamboo forest.

The steps of the travelling mountain echo the circumstances imagined:  
the birds of the Three Treasure Temple pond,  
four seasons in ancient cloth,  
a night you call empty October,  
walking road of ten thousand leaves.  
On the sixth day of the eighth month, the sounds unite in the darkness.

Morning and evening of autumn,  
18th of every month, 1 o'clock in the afternoon  
and the night of New Year's Eve,  
the steam whistle in the pleasure boat  
crosses the sea as a city winter bird.