

DEMOKURASHII A LA JAPON:

Some critical reflections about freedom in the land of the rising sun

If Japan izz ahh democracy
then why can't people select
their own Prime Minister?

If itz ahh democracy
why zits Constitution
largely ignored?

If Nippon izz ahh democracy
why argh so many decisions made
in private?

If itz ahh democracy
then why argh so many laws
haphazardly enforced?

Wake up —
Nippon is simply an oligarchy
in which daimyo elites
& zaibatsu cliques
serve as regal lords.

- T Newfields

Beg.: 2005 Tokyo ≡ Fin.: 2021 Yokohama



