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Posted by Experimental - 2006/04/16 15:03

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## Re: Enka!

Posted by Q-chan - 2006/04/29 23:23

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You know... I think I might actually know what you are talking about. I'm going to do some further research to see if it is xD

...And if it is what I think it is, I love it to bits xD

Edit: AAAAHHH! IT'S WHAT I THOUGHT IT WAS! \*dies\* I didn't know anyone else liked this T\_\_\_\_T!

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## Re: Enka!

Posted by Experimental - 2006/05/09 11:08

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No shit? That's freakin awesome! Now there are two we can have an enkoff! :D

Seriously, I totally feel the same way. It's so not accessible in this country. I was into it for a couple years before I even found out it was a genre with an actual name. An inflight Japanese station on a plane to Hawaii got me hooked. ~\_\_~ It was half enka and introduced me to Hosokawa Takashi, who's gotta be, like, the Roy Orbison of Japan (in my weird little mind).

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## Re: Enka!

Posted by Q-chan - 2006/05/09 12:08

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LOL An Enkoff? That sounds lovely xD

Yeah, I just think it's so amazing how they do that with their voices @.@; And it just... it just... T\_\_\_\_T \*bursts\*

Roy Orbison sounds -so- familiar.

I think my love for Enka started when I got into old Japanese films. I'm afraid I haven't been able to learn as much as you have, but I am willing to learn! \*throws herself down on her knees\* O Wise One, Teach Me!

\*...listens to Enka under a waterfall...?\*

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## Re: Enka!

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Posted by Saya - 2006/05/10 11:35

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If you do know what I'm talking about and are (god forbid) into it, for goodness sake speak up. Don't leave me lonely! XD Hehe, I grew up on Korean enka... My mom loves listening to the Japanese enka stars on the New Years Day Celebration Show!! Red vs. White :D I'm surprised anyone knows what enka is!! XD

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## Re: Enka!

Posted by Irvine - 2006/05/10 13:15

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I've heard of this somewhere. ^^ Coincidentally, my dad used to play Roy Orbison in the car all the time back when I was a lot younger... so I was exposed to that genre early on, whether I wanted to be or not. \*grin\*

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## Re: Enka!

Posted by Experimental - 2006/05/10 19:13

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Oh, I'm not all that versed in Roy Orbison. I just think Hosokawa Takashi looks like him for some reason. (Then again I was always confusing Roy Orbison and Don Ho, so what do I know. @^^@) But from what little I know, they seem to have kind of similar styles.

Red & White Song Competition!!! \*hearts\* I love Kohaku! It's top of cool, man! I just love the whole idea and wish I had NHK where I live so I wouldn't have to rent some yakuza dude's recorded copy every year. <:( I've heard some Teresa Teng, but I'm not familiar with Korean enka. Any recommendations?

Yeah, I just think it's so amazing how they do that with their voices @.@; And it just... it just... T\_\_\_\_T \*bursts\* Oh, I know! Those hometown songs make me tear up. I wish I could learn. Kiyoshi started in a high school enka club, apparently. Totally jealous.

Yeah. We need to find a karaoke place that has enka at this con.

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## Re: Enka!

Posted by Q-chan - 2006/05/11 03:49

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Dude o.o Enka Karaoke sounds like tons of fun... But I don't want to be the cause of others' bleeding ears... T\_T

...Oh, what the hell! It's for the love of ENKA! All your Enka are belong to us. \*snuggles Experimental\*

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## Re: Enka!

Posted by Experimental - 2006/07/21 13:04

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Dude, it's enka! If people's ears aren't bleeding you're not trying hard enough! :)

Just thought I'd share this link. Behold the wonders of YouTube:

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=c22GDeuBaO8&search=hikawa%20kiyoshi>

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