

# Bjork, Gratitude

July 13, 1946

Dear General MacArthur,

With your permission  
I offer wishes of good health,  
During this heat  
That burns anything.

The words I slowly put together  
Do not flow easily, they only fill my heart

Recently, fulfilling  
Your hearts desire  
You removed the whaling  
Moratorium.  
Your gesture brings  
A much needed food  
To our community  
And families,

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A million year old fossil  
I send to you.  
This comes from my family  
And the ancient sea.  
A prehistoric impression  
Of the modern krill,  
She feeds the noble whale,  
And offers you longevity

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Finally, please take good care in the heat.

Sincerely yours,  
Shizuka