A Burning of Sacrifice

In the flames of sacrifice, The girls of white lilies Were sublimed to the Heavens, Still singing the glory of peace.

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A BURNING SACRIFICE was written by Dr. Nagai in memory of the Junshin girls who were victims of the Atom Bomb. The poem later appeared in an anthology of poems centered on man's search for peace, and was also set to music by the composer Fumio Kino.

Dr. Nagai devoted his life to the care of the many who had survived only to suffer from exposure to radiation. Though he himself was suffering, he worked tirelessly, and after a valiant struggle, died on May 1, 1951.