

That Far off Day

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When I was 43 years old, I was exposed to radiation at home just above Inasa Primary School. I hastily ran into the neighborhood association's shelter, but I thought that was dangerous too and went into another shelter near a cemetery. I saw the end of the war out there and stayed there until around the 17th.

The week in the shelter was intolerable and I had bad diarrhea maybe caused by using rain water because the tap water had stopped, and also after the atomic bomb was dropped the rain didn't stop and I couldn't go outside to see how everything was.

A week later, I thought it would be safe and went home but with the bomb blast, it had been smashed terribly. But I had nowhere to go, so I spent the next two or three days in the demolished house with an umbrella.

Because we were only renting that house, I then went to live with my nephew in Fukahorimachi. I have had a weak body ever since I was little and wasn't able to have a baby; I've lived my life feeling alone.

[Location at Bombing: Takaomachi]