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**My words to you**  
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Rough English

*(PDF page numbers are reference)*

In those eyes where the sparkling summer starry sky is reflected, is our happiness

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February 28<sup>th</sup> 2010

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The first rays of summer warmed my face, I can remember it as though it were yesterday.

There is just one exact moment I can't fully remember

The first time I saw you...

...did I say "Konnichiwa\*" and then smile or was it the other way around?

\* Hello

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That morning you said the prayers alone.

Then it all happened so fast...

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...and suddenly you were there next to me...

...very close.

You apologized that there was no service that day.

You showed me the schedule for the coming weeks.

I was amazed at how good your English was and how close you were to me.

You told me your name.

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March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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In Germany, at our Greek Orthodox church, there's a service every Sunday.

And on Saturday's there are evening prayers.

In Kyoto, the services are on a regular schedule.

I was actually surprised to find that there were Orthodox Christians in Japan at all!

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Even though this is the Russian Orthodox church.

Except for the language of the services and the hymns, we're the same!

I was really surprised to find Japanese people here.

To meet you here.

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Ohayou gozaimasu! \*

\* Good morning!

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Your beautiful smile...the purest most honest smile I have ever seen...

You walked past me...

...I could hardly catch my breath.

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What have you done to me?

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You look great.

I find you really handsome.

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You cut your hair very short.

I hardly recognized you.

How old could you be?

23, maybe 24 ?

Or younger? No, Japanese always look younger than they are.

I must be older than you ...two, three years...?!

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I would love to know more about you...

Everything in fact!

Your interests, your hobbies, what you're doing here...

...why your English is so good...

...your goals in life...

...if you have a girlfriend...

...or, if you intend on going through life alone?!

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But how can I bring up such personal subjects?

I can't even look you in the eyes for long...

And my Japanese isn't that good.

What you must think of me?

A Greek girl from Germany who is studying to be a manga artist at the Seika University...

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Mata raishuu!\*

\* see you next week!

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You are so unapproachable

I would really like to talk to you, even just once...

Just the two of us, alone...

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Come on, you can do it!

Okay, me first!

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Il like your neck and your cheek bones.

Your robe is a bit big for you, but it looks on you that way...

Especially the extra-long sleeves...

I really want to get to know you better.

But how do that?

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April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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You welcome me so warmly and kindly...

Will we ever say more to each other than "Good morning" and "see you next week"?

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Your always, so busy when I'm here.

That's normal...

"Till next time!"

Did I just wave good bye to you?

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May 2, 2010

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It was two weeks before I saw you again.

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There's not real reason why...

I waved to you again. Like some little girl.

This time you waved back and your face was beaming.

...why is it that every time we meet this great happiness rises up inside of me.

I also get that feeling whenever you look at me.

Maybe you fell the same thing?

If only you had time to spend alone together!

But then I probably would know what to do!

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You're so close, but so far...

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I'm always looking for a good excuse to talk to you...

...but I never come up with anything more than stupid questions.

Oh, he's coming over to me...

Here's my chance!!

We seem to both be wanting it to happen!

So...

...but no, just another "see you next week".

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This time I could hear it in your voice!

You're younger than I thought!

20 maybe...

Even younger.

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May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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Completely unexpectedly one of my wishes came true.

It's always when you least expect it.

While I was prying at the Saturday evening mass.

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You're here?...

You're never here on Saturdays.

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...I haven't been able to concentrate since you came in...

I keep looking over at you.

I'm watching your face while you read...

...or looking at how you look at the icons...

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I must be dreaming...

I've never seen anything so simply wonderful as you before.

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"konbanwa!"\*

\*Good evening!

"Today is such a wonderful day, really great!"

"Hee hee!"

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"Thank you!"

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"It's such a beautiful night"

"Yes, you can see all the stars in the sky!"

"Yes, you can!"

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The ice was finally broken!



We're talking so easily. Like we've known each other since we were kids.

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After a half an hour I had to go...

I ran to the gate, and waved good-bye.

My heart was soaring up into the sky.

I turned around.

You were still there waiting.

Everything seemed so unreal...Did that really just happen? It wasn't a dream?!

I bow.

You stay there as though you're stuck. Are you thinking and feeling what I am?

I'm almost out of sight before I dare to turn towards you again.

You are still standing there, frozen in the same spot.

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No, it wasn't a dream!!

You are the best thing that ever happened to me!!

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When I learned, the last time we met, that you didn't have a girlfriend, I was so relieved....but I was also nervous...

To find out you were 20 years old... six years younger than me...

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But when you're there, in front of me...

...it just doesn't matter!

And when you look at me like that I fell totally awkward...

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...and I can't take my eyes off you.

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After Mass we met in front of the church again...

I brought two of my works, as promised...

You took one and read it out loud in German without making any mistakes and without an accent even though you'd only had one year of German in college.

You're a genius!

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As we read my book together...

...we got really close to each other.

And once again, I can't take my eyes off you.

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"I was in Germany once!"

"We went to visit the Orthodox church in Dusseldorf."

"Really?"

"Oh, ...was it a trip you did together with the shinpu\*?!"

\*priest

“Yes...”

“...with my father!”

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“Lunch is ready!”

“Uhm, I uh..”

“It’s okay, I have to go anyway!”

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You walked me to the gate...

...side by side.

I notice...

How unbelievably happy I am in that moment!

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I’m especially excited to see you today!

Finally, we are getting close...

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Or maybe not?!

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I haven't seen you in over a month.

I was in Germany for two weeks.

Are you happy to see me again?

The last time we saw each other I was really confused. You left without saying a word.

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