

Yukawa Story, 1954

Taka-aki Yukawa: I stand on a bridge before the city is awake. I come here to decide what I must do. It appears to me there are two different ways that I can live and I have arrived at an age where I must choose. There is the way of my mother. It lives for me through a green world that one can know and understand and go back to the land where I was born, and back, still further back, through all the growing centuries of Japan. The other, it seems, is the way of my father. It starts from a world that is already new, as I see it, and leads forward into a time that is not yet here, an unknown place somewhere ahead.