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Dear Hiroyasu:

Yes, of course I remember you. I had often wondered what you might be doing.....whether you were able to get the Black sister's work printed (Amina Baraka)....or the Japanese American Nisei (Mitsue Yamada's) pamphlet translated....

How wonderful to hear that you and Yo Nakayama are doing an anthology of Japanese American poets. That certainly is good news out here.

You sent a list of names. There were no New York J.A. poets listed, so I hope you don't mind my taking the liberty of adding some more to your list. Am also including song-writers as their songs are also in the realm of poetry. One is an Issei woman who is an accomplished haiku writer who has been recognized (I think) by the Emperor himself. Her name is Tomoe Tana. One young Sansei is a lesbian--Michiyo (once Margaret) Cornell. Another is an artist besides being a poet--so if there's any art work you would like her to do, she would do a good job. Maybe a front-cover. She's excellent. Also, one is an Okinawan-American.

Tomie Arai

Geraldine Centales

Anyway, here are those whose addresses I have:

Tomie Arai Wong
245 W. 107th St., Apt. 12H
New York City, N.Y. 10025
(She is the artist/poet)

Michiyo (Margaret) Cornell
63 Penn
Burlington, Vermont 05401

Hisaye Yamamoto De Soto
4558 Mont Eagle Place
Los Angeles, CA 90041

Sue Embrey
1566 Curran Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026
(Has done war-time camp poems)

Kimiko Hahn
215 W. 105th Street., 5A
New York City, N.Y. 10025

Tomie Hahn
310 W. 85th Street., 1A
New York City, N.Y. 10025

Warren Furutani
15232 Ermanita Avenue
Gardena, CA
(Singer/writes own lyrics)

Momoko Iko
895½ W. Kensington Road
Los Angeles, CA 90026
(playwright)

Lawson Inada
English Dept.
South Oregon State College
Ashland, OR 97520
(has published)

Karen Ishizuka
11051 Westwood Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90230
(Playwright/film-maker)

Miya Iwataki
2704 South Rimpau Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90016
(Radio announcer)

Tomoe Tana

mitsue Yamada

Chris Iijima (male)
54 W. 88th Street
New York, Y.Y. 10024
(folk singer; writes own lyrics;
has a couple of albums out)

Robert Kikuchi
% 442 - 4th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94118
(folksinger; writes own lyric)

Geraldine Kutaka
3476 - 21st Street
San Francisco, CA
(Okinawa-American poet)

Toyo Kawakami
30 Orchard Lane
Columbus, OH 43214
(Published since 1930's)

Teru Kanazawa
214 W. 16th Street
New York City, N.Y. 10011
(English editor of bi-lingual
paper in New York City)

Nobuko Miyamoto
1271 So. Highland
Los Angeles, CA
(Experienced dancer, choreographer,
singer, lyric writer; has own dance
group; has cut albums)

Richard Oyama
1276 Second Avenue, #2
San Francisco, CA 94122
(Has taught Creative Writing)

Roberta Uno
5 Gulf Road
Pelham, MA 01002
(Playwright; manager of theater
productions at Univ. of Mass.)

These are probably just scratching the surface of poets of Japanese-American background throughout U.S. As we locate others, we will let you know. The names on the right hand side are poets whose addresses I do not have--but will get the word out for others to get them to you.

Am elated to know that an anthology of Japanese American poets' works will be published in Japan--for the Japanese public to read, enjoy and recognize. It should be reciprocated here that Japanese Americans will be more knowledgeable about cultural writers from there.

Sorry, but could not locate
the addresses of the following:

Ronald Tanaka
Janice Murikitan
Shinya Ono
(He's in Japan. Will ask
someone to send to you).

Laura Tokunaga

George Uba

Lonny Kaneko

Traise Yamamoto

David Omura

Garrett Hongo

Wakako Yamauchi

Nikki Bridges

Oh; there's also a Japanese-Black/
Native American, Japan-born, Kansas
raised playwright who's becoming
widely recognized:

Velina Houston
820 Michigan Ave.
Santa Monica, CA 90404
and also:

Phil Tajitsu Naxh
Lane Nishikawa
Sheri Miyashiro
Sheridan Tatsuno

Trina Miyashiro Morrell

Let's keep in touch. Yuri

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