

CHANT SYMBOLS
Each line has 4 beats

- ↑ Raise pitch and maintain until next arrow.
- ↓ Lower pitch and maintain until next arrow.
- ▲ and ▼: Strikes of the keisu.
- Single underline: Hold word for ½ beat (downbeat only).
- Double underline: Hold word for 1 full beat (downbeat and upbeat).
- Single underline extending beneath multiple words: All words are chanted on the downbeat.
- Italic and double underline: Hold word for 1½ beats (down, up, down).

THE LOTUS SUTRA SCRIPTURE OF KANZEON BODHISATTVA

Lead Chanter:

In verse Mujinni Bodhisattva asked,
“World Honored One possessor of all grace
For what reason is the heir of the Buddha named
Kanzeon?”

All:

▲The World Honored One answered too in verse:▼
“Listen to the actions of Kan-ze-on
Which have their app-li-cation to all!
Her ↓ vow is deep like the o-cean
Un-fath-oma-ble though kal-pas pass
A myriad of Buddhas she has tru-ly served
And made a great, pure vow.▲ (pause)
▼If you hear her name and see her body,
and bear her in mind,
Your life will not be in vain;
And you will end all suf-fer-ings.
↑ If some-one wants to hurt you
And pushes you in-to a great fire-pit,

If you ↓ think on the power of Kan-ze-on
The fire-pit will change in-to a pond.
↑ If you're cast a-drift upon the vast o-cean
And meet dan-ger from dra-gons, fish and de-mons,
If you ↓ think on the power of Kan-ze-on
The waves will not drown you.
↑ If from the peak of Su-mer-u
Some-one would push you down
If you ↓ think on the power of Kan-ze-on
Like the sun you will stand firm in the sky.
↑ If e-vil ones chase you
And push you from Mount Dia-mond,
If you ↓ think on the power of Kan-ze-on
Not ev-en a sin-gle hair will be harmed.
↑ If rob-bers sur-round you
Each with a sword drawn to strike,
If you ↓ think on the power of Kan-ze-on
Com-pas-sion will a-waken in them.
↑ If you suf-fer by royal com-mand
And your life is to end in exe-cu-tion,
If you ↓ think on the power of Kan-ze-on
The sword will be broken to bits.
↑ If you are im-pri-soned,
Sha-ckled, and chained,
If you ↓ think on the power of Kan-ze-on
The fetters will drop and you'll be re-leased.
↑ If some-one wants to in-jure you
With cur-ses or poi-son,
If you ↓ think on the power of Kan-ze-on
These ills will re-t~~urn~~ from whence they came.
↑ If you meet e-vil rāk-shas,
Poi-sonous dragons or de-mons,
If you ↓ think on the power of Kan-ze-on
They will not dare to harm you.
↑ If you are sur-rounded by e-vil beasts

Whose teeth and claws are fear-fully sharp,
 If you ↓ think on the power of Kan-ze-on
 They will run a-way in boundless re-treat.
 ↑ If vi-pers, li-zards, snakes or scor-pions,
Threaten to scorch you with poison-ous breath
 If you ↓ think on the power of Kan-ze-on
 They will turn a-way quickly at the sound of your voice.
 ↑ If clouds thun-der and light-ning flashes,
 If hail-stones beat and rain pours down,
 If you ↓ think on the power of Kan-ze-on
 Im-me-diate-ly they will vanish a-way.
 ↑ If sen-tient beings are in great ad-versi-ty
 And im-measur-able suf-fering presses them down,
 The ↓ wonder-ful power of the wisdom of Kan-non
 Can re-lieve the suffer-ings of the world.
 ↑ En-dowed with trans-cen-dent pow-ers
 Full master of wisdom and skill-ful means,
 In ↓ all the worlds in the ten di-rec-tions,
 There's no place she doesn't mani-fest her-self.
 ↑ The suff'rings of those in the trou-bled states:
 Hell dwell-ers, hun-gry spirits, and beasts;
 The ↓ sufferings of birth, old age, illness and death
 All by de-grees are ended by her. (pause) ▼
 ↑ She of the true gaze, she of the pure gaze,
gaze of great and en-compass-ing wis-dom,
gaze of pi-ty, gaze of com-pas-sion—
ev-er longed for, ev-er re-vered.
 She is a spot-less pure ray of light,
 A sun of wis-dom dis-pell-ing dark-ness.
Sub-duer of woes of storm and fire
Il-lu-mining all the world.▲
 Her will of com-pas-sion shakes like thun-der;
 Her mind of mer-cy is like a great cloud
 Which sends down sweet dew of Dhar-ma rain
 To quench the flames of earthly de-sires. (pause) ▲

In dis-putes before jud-ges or in the midst of battle,
 If you ↓ think on the power of Kan-ze-on
 All en-e-mies will flee a-way.
 ↑ She has a won-drous voice,
 The voice of one who per-ceives the world,
 A brahma voice, voice of the roll-ing tide,
 A voice un-sur-passed in all this world;
There-fore you should always think on her.
Have no doubt, even for a mo-ment
 The ↓ pure seer Kanzeon will be a re-fuge
 When suffering dis-tress or the miser-y of death.
 She is en-dowed with every quali-ty,
 Her eye of com-pas-sion views all sentient be-ings
 Her o-cean of bles-sings is be-yond mea-sure.
There-fore you should pay homage to her.”▲

↑ Then Ji-ji bo-dhi-sattva a-rose,
Stood be-fore the Buddha and a-ddressed him thus:
 “World ↓ Hon-ored One, they who hear this scripture
 Of Kanzeon bo-satsu, and hear of her deeds
 And trans-cen-dent powers,
 No small amount of mer-it will they ↑ gain.”▲

Lead Chanter: (All with hands in gassho)

When the Buddha taught the scripture of the
 life and work of the All-Sided One,
 All present then, in number eighty-four thousand strong
 With all their hearts cherished a longing
 for the Supreme Enlightenment
 With which nothing in all the universe compares.

Final Eko
 Ten Directions