

Most shrines in Japan offer *omikuji*, or fortune-telling strips. Detailed fortunes which range from very good luck to very bad luck are written on them. The *omikuji* at Meiji Jingu, however, are known as *omigokoro*. Rather than regular fortunes, they contain one of 30 different poems. These poems were composed by Emperor Meiji (1852–1912) and Empress Shoken (1849–1914) in the *tanka* poetry style of 5-7-5-7-7 syllables.