

Asadoya Yunta

Hello, I am standing in front of a house of Asato Family. Do you know the song AsadoyaYunta? There was Kuyama, a woman of the Asato family, born in 1722, started working from the age of 16. She became famous as very beautiful woman. Mezashish, the second highest among the officials coming to Taketomi Island from Ryukyu Kingdom, proposes marriage to Kuyama. However, Kuyama refused to marry Mezashish, saying that she would marry Yunchu, who was higher official. It must have been very sad, but there was nothing he could do if she told him that she was going to marry his boss Yunchu. AsadoyaYunta has 23 verses told the story about them, how he gave up Kuyama, then he said “I will find a woman more beautiful than Kuyama” met a woman named Isikema and had a good time with her. Kuyama appears only the first two verses. It is said that Kuyama, a hard worker, received a field in a place called Tondobar as a reward, worked hard growing sweet potatoes with her younger brother Asatochikudun, carrying the stones came out from potato field, and building the stone walls of this house. Now, I would like to sing AsadoyaYunta just a little.