

"This morning, the seventeenth of August, 1918, at nine o'clock, Tokichi Ishii was executed at Tokyo Prison. He faced death rejoicing greatly in the grace of God, and with steadiness and quietness of heart. His last message was that you be told of to-day's event and so I am writing in his stead to let you know of his going and to thank you for your many kindnesses to him. He has left his books and manuscripts to you and you will receive them at the prison office. His last words, which are in the form of a poem, he asked me to send to you. They are as follows:

My name is defiled,  
My body dies in prison,  
But my soul purified  
Goes to-day to the City of God."