A poor house with many children: the entire family works without rest. They suffered for food. One day there was a storm at sea. Yutaka died. They suffered for food.

Remember Yutaka. When I got like this, mother always said I could go for some candy. His body was never found.
Fishing boats held 5 to 6 people, and often brought along a little boy to do the cooking.

The boy would make rice for the sailors. Usually they were poor elementary school students or apprentice fishermen's kids.

Yutaka was a 6th grader but he was small. He didn't go to school.

Yutaka has been working since the 5th grade.
Yutaka's father was beating him. I'll do anything but work on those boats! I hate it!

If I say go, then you go! Now go!

Yutaka is working on the boats cooking rice.

His father gets a year's supply of rice in exchange.
They would pretend to be engrossed in a book so they didn’t have to see the others eating.

I still had no idea what was in store for me.

It’s 5 A.M.  

Huh? What time is it?

Shigeru, I want you to see something.

Yutaka next door?

Eh?

Yutaka is being beaten.
I was still in school. I saw a suicide! They tied their feet together and jumped into the ocean. It's because of the bad economy.

Some kids didn't have anything to bring for lunch. What's that mean? It's because of the bad economy.