

# 14. To be a shodan

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English traditional

[♩=140] C C C F C C G C C

Who— would a sho - dan be, Come to the con - gress.—

C C C F C C G C C

Play— in good com - pa - ny Ma - king good pro - gress.—

C Am E7 Am G7 C Am G

Learn all your te - su - ji— And use— them con - stant - ly—

G C C F G F C F G C C

— You'll soon be on— your— way to be a sho - dan.—

Who would a shodan be,  
Come to the congress.  
Play in good company  
Making good progress.  
Learn all your tesuji  
And use them constantly  
You'll soon be on your way  
To be a shodan.

Now that I've reached five kyu,  
Things seem no better.  
In spite of learning nakade,  
Snap-back and geta.  
Though I am on my guard,  
Bad habits I can't discard,  
It all seems far too hard  
To be a shodan.

Now that I'm thirteen kyu  
Groups seem so fragile.  
No matter what I do  
White's far too agile.  
I'll keep them all joined up,  
He can't get in to cut.  
Ah so! His group's gone phut,  
I've beaten a shodan.

Two kyu or stronger now,  
One thing I'll ask you:  
How comes it's always me  
Plays in his moyo?  
While my group struggles free  
He's making territory.  
Oh hell! Who wants to be  
A bloody shodan?

One kyu, it's all there now  
Try not to panic.  
Keep calm and see it through  
That's really magic.  
I'd no idea that he  
Was just as bad as me.  
Oh joy! At last I'll be  
Another shodan.