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*Sirogane mo
Kugane mo tama mo
Nanisemuni
Masareru takara
Ko ni sikame ya mo*

(Man'yō-shū, V. xi)

My translation

*What is the use
Of securing silver
Or gold or sapphire?
What can be more precious
Than a jewel of a child?*

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