

Ninja Garden is an instrumental tribute to the complex soul of Tadashi, the ninja. It begins with a sweet, repetitive call of the flute, answered by an urgent, driving guitar riff, suggesting Tadashi's yin-yang duality. There's a calm interlude featuring the koto's plucked strings and a mellow drum rhythm: Tadashi at peace in his ancestral garden, the sky edging toward twilight; the ancient willow's branches softly shifting; the goldfish sliding through the pond water. Here, Tadashi might allow himself to love. Suddenly, the driving melody returns, the guitar bolstering the flute's insistent call then coming to the fore with certain, marching tones: the edgy call to action always alive within Tadashi. A shifting between the soothing calm of the koto and drums and the push of the flute and guitar as an electric guitar solo slides through with quick, sure steps, culminating in a final, decisive push: this is the do, the ninja's way, the *soul-beat* of Tadashi, the ninja!