

Utopia Song

Original title: Utopia Song

The Ministry of Construction, like many business and public institutions in Japan, has its own anthem. The lyrics of this 'Utopia Song', unchanged since 1948, include "asphalt blanketing the mountains and valleys... a splendid Utopia'. Gone are the days when the Ministry simply poured wet concrete over hillsides. Today's earthworks use concrete in countless inventive forms: slabs, steps, bars, bricks, tubes, spikes, blocks, protruding nipples, lattices, hexagons and wire nets. After decades of building, the legacy is visible everywhere with hardly a single hillside standing free of giant slabs of cement built to prevent 'landscape damage', even though many of these are located miles away from any human habitation.

CREDITS

TECHNICAL SPECS

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CREATION DETAILS

TYPE: Film PRODUCTION SHARE: Majority Flemish Production GENRE: Experimental YEAR OF PRODUCTION: 2011 PRODUCTION STATUS: Completed ORIGINAL TITLE: Utopia Song ORIGINAL LANGUAGE: English

RUNNING TIME: 10' ASPECT RATIO: 1.33:1 (4:3) COLOUR: Black-white

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