

'Ninniku Seishin'

(The Spirit of the Ninja)

**Ninja Seishin Towa,
Shin Shin Shiki O Shinobu,
Ninniku Seishin O Konpon To Suru.
Chijoku O Shinonde Urami O Hojisaruru,
Nintai Seishin O Yashinai Kotoni Hajimaru Mono De Aru.
Nin Towa,
Kokoro No Yueni Yaiba O Oite,
Yaiba De Hito O Kizutsuketari Suruyona Mono Dewa Naku,
Kajo Waraku,
Hana No Gotoki Joai O Motte,
Heiwa O Tanoshimu Mono De Aru.
Yueni,
Tai O Motte Shizen Ni Aite No Ken O Sake.
Sugata O Kesu,
Kyojitsu Tenkan No Myo O E,
Iccho Kuni No Tame Toka,
Gi No Tame Ni,
Chi, Sui, Ka, Fu, Ku,
No Dai Shizen O Riyoshite.
Aite O Seisuru Koto Ga,
Ninja No Konpon Gensoku De Aru.**

Translation:

"The spirit of the Ninja; Body, Mind and Conscience as one enduring all. This is the principle of the forbearing spirit. First bear all humiliation, denounce ill will and resentment, raising the spirit to acquire the virtue of patience. Take not the meaning of 'Nin' to be the blade before the heart, but learning that the heart of the flower is one of peace and harmony, and like the love and affection of a flower, there is happiness in Peace.

Consequently, one's body will naturally evade the opponents' sword, disappearing; This is the miracle of Truth and Falsehood in diversionary tactics. For one's country, for Justice, using the elements of Nature, Earth, Water, Fire, Wind and Air to subdue one's opponent. This being is the essence of the Ninja."