

**Shunryū Suzuki-rōshi**  
**Tuesday, April 23, 1968**  
**STATEMENT AT END OF *SESSHIN***  
**Tassajara**  
**Lecture C**

In spite of my lack of effort, you fulfilled this training period very well. I am satisfied [?]. Katherine-san<sup>1</sup> did it very well, supported by many students who are here with us [?] [1 word].

We say, "Before spring has gone—spring gone, the summer come." [3-4 words] we had spring training. And next, right here, we will have next *sesshin*.

If we take a pause for a while, I cannot help amazing at seeing things, including you. You developed very well, and the same time Tassajara became more and more matured. This is—may not be the word for congratulations, but [it is] exactly how I feel. So we should try not to be lost in our practice, and Tassajara also should not be lost from this world by your efforts. Like various unknown flower on the stream—near the stream, we should keep up with the world of transiency.

Thank you very much.

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<sup>1</sup> Possibly Katherine Thanas.