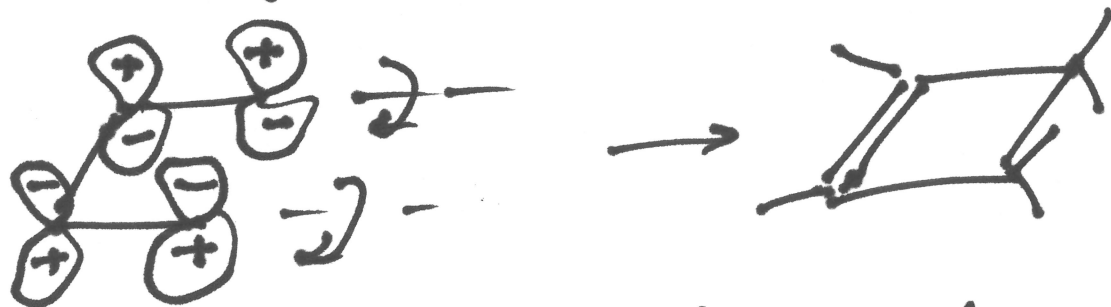


for Hirofumi Imai

I am very happy to be in Japan,
this time, and so many times before.
I have written a book about
a boy in Kyushu, a boy who lives
with his grandmother and parents.
And he loves to gather weeds.
The weeds become important to
the story - but that you have read
about.

Thank you for teaching Ryochi,
even if he did not learn this!



Be well, keep on teaching
and learning!

Ronald Hoffmann
Dazaifu
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