

Sukiyaki by Kyu Sakamoto Celebrates 61 Years as Japan's First Global Hit



Tokyo, Japan Aug 20, 2024 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The year 1963 introduced the world to a musical masterpiece that transcended language and cultural barriers: "Ue o Muite Arukō," popularly known as "Sukiyaki," performed by the legendary Kyu Sakamoto. Sixty-one years later, this timeless song continues to resonate with audiences around the globe, celebrating its legacy as Japan's first global hit single.

"Sukiyaki" became an international sensation, reaching the top of the Billboard Hot 100 in the United States—a remarkable achievement for a non-English song. Its catchy melody and poignant lyrics, which reflect a deep sense of hope and perseverance, have made it a beloved classic that endures to this day.

The song's unique blend of Japanese and Western musical elements helped it capture the hearts of listeners worldwide. Even decades later, "Sukiyaki" remains a symbol of the cultural exchange between Japan and the rest of the world, influencing generations of musicians and music lovers.

As we celebrate 61 years since its release, "Sukiyaki" continues to be a testament to the power of music to unite people across borders and languages. Its enduring popularity is a reminder of the song's universal appeal and its place in the pantheon of global music history.

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Watch "Sukiyaki" by Kyu Sakamoto on YouTube

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