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A Hen in the Wind (Kaze no naka no mendori)

1948, b&w, 94min. Producer: Shochiku; Director: Yasujiro Ozu; Screenplay: Ryosuke Saito and Yasujiro Ozu; Cinematography: Yuharu Atsuta; Music: Senji Ito; Cast: Shuji Sano, Kinuyo Tanaka, Chieko Murata, Chishu Ryu, Takeshi Sakamoto, Eiko Takamatsu; Print Courtesy of Kawakita Memorial Film Institute/The Japan Foundation, with permission of Shochiku.

Tanaka, in a tragic role similar to the one she played in **WOMEN OF THE NIGHT**, plays a wife forced to desperate measures while awaiting her husband's return from the war. When her child becomes ill, she engages in one night of prostitution to pay for medicine. This brave film depicts Japan's postwar social problems in a realistic manner.