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Keiko Kawamuro*, 14 MacLean Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242, and **Tetsuya Ito**. *Positive factorizations of symmetric mapping classes.*

We study a question by Etnyre and Van Horn-Morris; whether a symmetric mapping class admitting a positive factorization is a lift of a quasi-positive braid. We give an affirmative answer for certain mapping classes. (Received August 26, 2016)