

Kō tēnei kōrero he pūrongo mō tētahi pikitia ko “Kaieke tohorā” te ingoa. Ko Niki Caro te kaiwhakahaere o tēnei pikitia. Nō Te Whanganui-ā-Tara ia.

Ko tētahi kōtiro te tuahangata matua o te pikitia. Ko Paikea tōna ingoa. Tekau mā rua ana tau. Ko Paikea te ingoa hoki o tōna tupuna, he tangata kaieke wēra. I tana whānautanga ka mate tana māhanga tūngane me tō rāua whaea. Ko tōna koro te rangatira o te iwi. Ka riri ia nō te mea kāore he tama kia taki i te iwi. He kōtiro noa iho te pepi. He upoko mārō a Koro, arā, ki tana whakaaro, ko ngā tama anake ngā kaiārahi. Nō reira i tīmataria tētahi kura e Koro mō ngā taitama o te iwi. Engari ka tūtei a Pai i ngā akoranga. I whakapai a Koro i tētahi whakamātautau whakamutunga. Ka whakaepa ia i tana rei puta ki roto i te moana. Engari, kore ētahi o ngā tama i kite i taua rei puta. Nā tēnei ka matekiri a Koro.

I tētahi rā anō, ka haere a Pai ki te moana, ā, ka kite i te rei puta. Ka eke a Paikea ki runga i tētahi wēra e ōrite ana ki tōna tupuna. Nō reira, i te mutunga o te pikitia ka mōhio a Koro i te hiranga o Pai ki te iwi nei.

Ki tōku nei whakaaro, he tino pai te pikitia nei nō mea, he tino pai te kaupapa. Ka kite ahau i te aroha i waenganui i a Paikea rāua ko Koro. Tuatahi, kāore a Koro i harikoa i te whānautanga o te kōtiro, engari i te mutunga o te pikitia, ka kitea tōna aroha mō tana mokopuna.

Ko te konohete he wāhi tino motuhake. He tino pai ki ahau nō te mea ka kōrero a Pai mō tōna aroha mō tōna koro ahakoa kāore ia i reira. I a ia e kōrero ana ka heke iho ngā roimata. Ahakoa āna mahi tūkinu ki a ia ka kitea tonutia tona aroha mōna. Tata ana ahau ki te tangi hoki.

Ki ōku nei whakaaro he pikitia rawe tēnei mō te whānau katoa. Nō Aotearoa ngā kaiwhakaari katoa. He wāhi ātaahua a Whangarā. He kōtiro maia a Pai, ahakoa ngā piki me ngā heke e kore ia i tūohu, ka tutuki ōna whāinga.