

## Tore Kai Huruhuru

Ka oho au ka mātara kei runga huataki tū, tū taiahaha i ahaha. Tēnei a Toa Ariki, he tamaiti nā Tūhoe, i heke mai i ngā kawai whakaheke o ngā tore kai huruhuru o Ngāi Tuhoe, nō ngā rā o nehe tēnei mahi te pakanga e noho ana i roto i takub toto. ③

2 o Hōngongoi 1864

Kua tūtū te pūehu ki runga ki te rohe pōtae o te Kīngitanga, ki ngā whenua taurikura o Waikato Tainui. Ka wawara atu ko ngā kōhimuhimu, ka horo te tū, ka pīkarikari atu tōku iwi o Ngāi Tūhoe ki te Pā o Ōrākau kia hono ai ngā tōpito o Aotearoa, ki reira whakamate ai te hunga pokotiwha a tauwi. E taku rangatira e Rewi Maniapoto, nei ngā uri o Hīnepūkohurangi, o Tūhoe kua tau mai nei, hei hoa matenga mōu! ①

Tapako ana ngā pūkānohi i te taiao e hautoki nei. Kua mū te waonui o Tāne Māhuta, kua mū ngā manu tioriori o te ngāhere, kua mū hoki te whenua. Mea rawa ake ka whakaaro ake au, ā, koinei kē ngā āhuatanga o te pakanga. Ko ngā hau āwhiowhio e hurihuri haere ana, ka rongo hoki i te pako o te pū e karapoti ana i ngā wai whakatiketike o Waikato. Ka puta te karanga a Rewi Maniapoto, ka kakama hoki te iwi nei te whakarite i rātou ano. I a au ka tatari ki te anga whakamua ka rāngona e ōku taringa te rere o te kariri, waihoki, te tangi a ngā kuia, a ngā wāhine, a ngā tamariki, me te hūrō o taniwha kiritea. Ka māturuturu mai ko roimata, ko taumaha ki runga ki a au. Ka taka mai ko hupe, ko toto i taku pongaihu, nā te rironga o ngā tāngata maha, ka mutu, ngā whakatipuranga me te whenua nei e te pūrari rā a tauwi. ①  
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I te kitengā o ngā mata kiritea, ka mārohirohi taku tū, nei te tātāriki e tū atu nei i mua i tō aroaro, e rite nei te pakanga atu ki a koe e Tauwi. Ka noho au ka āta tatari, katahi ka pupū mai a pukuriri, a tūpehupehu, i te kitenga o kiritea e kuhu poka noa ana ki runga i ngā whenua tapu o Waikato. Ka kākari te rau o te taiaha ka werohia e au i a ia, ka pako mai tana pū. Ka maringi mai te toto, ka motu ngā wāhanga o tōku kiri, ka tau mai a mamae. Kua tō te rā, ka noho au ki te tahatika o te awa me taku kotahi, ka takina e au tētahi karakia kia tau mai ko ngā manaakitanga ki runga ki a au me te iwi Māori: ①  
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“Tikina, tikina atu rā te putake o ngā kōrero

I te wānanga, tikina atu rā te hautapu o ngā ariki

Kauwhatatia e Tāne Te Wānanga ki runga ki te iwi nei

Ka tūturu e Rangī

Ka tūturu e Papa

Ka tūturu o whiti whakamaua kia tina, tina

Hui e

Tāiki e”

Ka takoto au, ka tiro whakarunga, ka kitea ko te marama e pīratarata mai ana me ngā whetū e taukapokapo mai ana i tēnei wā pōuriruri, ka tau mai ko te ngēngē, ka tau hoki mai ngā taumahatanga o te wā.

Ka whiti mai ana te rā, ka āwangawanga katoa ngā whakaaro, nā te rerekētanga o te taiao e karapoti nei i au. Ka oho au ka mataara, ka hurihia au, ka mauheretia e ngā tonotono o te iwi o Tauwi.

Ka uia mai te pātai a te rangatira o tauwi, *“Nō hea koe?”* Ka kore au e whakautu, kātahi te rangatira nei ka urupare mai, *“Kei te hiahia koe te noho ki tōku, ka mahi tahi tāua, ka mahi hoki koe hei pūrahorua māku, ki te kore koe e whakaae mai, ka noho koe hei tonotono kē māku.”* Ko taku whakautu ki a ia. *“Nō hea oti au e noho hei kaimahi, hei pūrahorua mō te iwi e raupatu nei i ngā whenua o te iwi Māori.”* Ka kōhurungia au e ngā tāngata o reira, ka noho au hei tonotono mā rātou, nā tōku kore hiahia kia riro atu ngā whenua o te Māori.

Tāria te wā, ka whakapakepake te hunga tauwi kia noho au hei pūrahorua mā rātou, ka whakaae au, heoi anō, ko ngā kōrero katoa i whākina e au ki a rātou he teka, he rupahu kē, engari i noho kē au i raro i ngā haumarutanga o te rangatira o tauwi, ahakoa taku mōhio, ehara ēnei mahi i te mahi tika, i mahia tonutia e au.

Ka haere ana te wā, ka raupatuhia ngā whenua katoa o ngāi Māori, ka hoki ana ngā mahara i te wā o ōku tipuna, ka tau mai a taumaha, nā taku mōhio ehara aku mahi i te mahi tika, i taku

piringa atu ki te pokotiwaha rā a Pakeha.

Ka hoki au ki taku wā kainga ki Ruatoki, ki te awa kaukau o Ōhinemataroa, ki reira mate ai, nā te nui o aku mahi hē, ka takina e au i te karakia nei i mua i taku haerenga ki a Hinenuitepō:

*“E tō e te rā, nau mai ko te pō*

*Ko te pō nui*

*Ko te pō roa*

*Ko te pō e rea*

*Ko te pō e whita*

*Ko te pō e au ai te moe*

*Ka tūturu e Rangī, ka tūturu e Papa*

*Ka whakamaua kia tīna*

*Haumi e, Hui e, Taiki e!”*