

Auē Te Aroha i Ahau

This waiata proclaims that Te Waka-o-te-ora is what will take the Hunga Ruarua to a place of bounty and also the teachings in Ephesians 4. It is one of the principal waiata of the Māramatanga and can be likened to an anthem as the messages outlined are the tenets of the Māramatanga. This waiata is used for all occasions and to welcome manuhiri to any hākari of the Māramatanga for the message within is what we offer to our manuhiri as a cloak of welcome and care. This waiata came through Moe Ruka and gained fame after it was debuted outside of the Māramatanga by the Maungārongo Junior Action Song team at Pukekaraka, Ōtaki in 1946.

**Auē te aroha i ahau
Auē e te iwi e (Hi, hi, hi, ha)
E te iwi Māori purutia kia mau
Utaina ki runga i Te Waka-o-te-ora
Ka hoe ai ki te tauranga x2**

**Ko te kupu a te Kaiwhakaora
A Hehu tino aroha (Hi, hi, hi, ha)
Wetewete ki atu ngā ururua
E te hunga e mamae ana
Kaha ru mai a i ahau x2**

**E te iwi whakarongo ake ra
Ki te reo e karanga mai nei (Hi, hi, hi, ha)
Whaia ki a mau te kōtahitanga
He mea paihere nā te rangimarie
Kia mau ai te rongopai x2
(Hi, hi, hi, ha)**

Oh, the love I have
For you my people.
Hold fast the Hunga Ruarua to your beliefs
And place them upon Te Waka-o-te-ora
So that we can seek all that is bountiful

For this is the message of the Creator,
The loving Jesus
‘Cast away all that is bad
So that those once deprived
Can now follow me’.

So, listen, you my people
To the instruction”
‘Make every effort to keep to the unity of the Spirit
Through the bond of peace’
So that the Good News reigns.