

Ka Haere Ngā Weri

This ngeri is a catch-cry to work together and came through Pauro Māreikura around the 1970's. It refers to the example of a centipede because if one leg goes out of time, it falls over. Therefore, by everyone working together and encouraging each other to maintain focus, we can then see the fruit of collective work.

**Ka haere ngā weri rīrena
Ki te rangi hei aha, hei ara
He manu kōrihi, nō te tau
Kia kōtiri mai ai ki runga
I te taupata aha utaina
Ki runga i te whakapīhau
Ka hoe ai te moana wāhia, aha wāhia
E te iwi e! Puritia tō mana
Kia mau, kia ita, aha ita, ita, mau tonu!**

The insects stretch out
And up to the heavens and then back down
As Manu Kōrihi sings to welcome the new season
And sows good news
From the taupata and encourages us
To embark upon a united vessel
To forge the waves of the ocean and make a path ahead
And through action, my people, you will maintain your culture
And keep it safe forever