

Ko Te Rite i Ahau

The key message of this waiata is to utilise the celestial signs to guide your deeds in life. It is as if Te Karere-o-te-aroha is talking to the Hunga Ruarua for her to guide her people to the Creator through these celestial signs.

The reference to the morning star overs the connection to Kōpūnui-I-te-atatū (Venus' morning name) and the place that she plays in Māori cosmology as the bridge between night and day, as well as linking to the reference that she is a bringer of light (raiti-pai-mārama) to Christ who is also referred to as the morning star.

This is another signature waiata of the Māramatanga that came through Moe Ruka and is also sung as a welcome song with Auē te aroha and can be used for any occasion.

**Ko te rite i ahau
Te whetū o te ata
Hei raiti pai mārama
Hei taki ki te Kaiwhakaora e (x2)**

**Ka tuhi tātau
Ki te tuhi o te rangi
Ki te tuhi o te aroha e te iwi
Ki te tuhi o te maungārongo (x2)**

**E rua nei hōku ringa
E mau nei i ahau
Kotahi hei tahu i te puhiera
Kotahi hei hāpaihāpai ake (x2)**

I am like
The morning star
Which is a guiding light
To the Creator.

We must take note
Of the signs in the heavens
That are signs of love for you my people
They are signs of peace.

Therefore, I have two hands:
To realise these gifts
One to light the torch
And the other to fulfil what is needed.