

Taku Piki Amokura

This waiata came to Pauro Māreikura as a key instruction to the Hunga Ruarua to face the world with positivity, belief and conviction. Through belief and conviction, you know that the answers to life are already outlined in the teachings of the Māramatanga and spelt out in the Waiata for us to live a well life on Te Waka-o-te-ora.

**Taku piki amokura,
Nō tua whakarere
Nō te pae ururangi,
He tipua ee
He tipua ee**

**He mana-hiki-nuku,
He mana-hiki-rangi,
Nō te pae ki tāwhiti,
Ānei tata ee
Ānei tata ee!**

**Nau Maungārongo
E waka whakatare
Hei whakahoe
E te iwi e
E te iwi e**

My house of learning
Comes from the beginnings of time
From the crest of the heavens
And it is indeed divine

The opportunity to utilise the knowledge of the land
And the knowledge of the heavens
And though it may seem so far away
In fact, it is right there in the cup of your hand

Therefore, it is you Maungārongo
You are the moving vessel
To share and disseminate
With all peoples

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