



Aotearoa

Dearest Earth Our Mother

Tune: CRANHAM

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Gustav Holst (1874 - 1934)

1. Dear - est Earth, our moth - er, Kind and boun - ti - ful;
2. Earth will al - ways nur - ture An - cient wis - dom said;*
3. A - o - te - a - ro - a, Sa - cred Is - land space;

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Lov - ing all your chil - dren, Giv - ing life to all;
Hu - mans break this bond - ing Leav - ing spec - ies dead.
Home where God in Na - ture Shows a fur - rowed face;

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We are all your whā - nau Joined by spi - ral thread,
Moth - er Earth lies bleed - ing Tor - tured by our hands
Land for all our chil - dren, Born and yet to be,

13
Bind - ing all the liv - ing, Link - ing all the dead.
Seek - ing end - less prof - its From the fi - nite land.
May your weep - ing help us Long to set you free!

*Maori Proverb: "The Earth is a mother who never dies"

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