

Aotearoa

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Tune: TAMA NGĀKAU MĀRIE (WOV 633)
Traditional Maori Melody



1. A - o - te - a - ro - a, Spir - its' glo - rious home, _____
2. Bring to Tā - ne's gar - den* Awe and ten - der - ness; _____
3. Con - tem - plate the Ko - ru,** Live its spir - al sign _____
4. May this land of long white clouds, Bush and moun - tains tall _____

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— Moun - tain, lake and for - est Form our spir - its' womb.
— Feel with - in your ma - u - ri** Earth's di - vine ca - ress.
— As God's life un - folds with - in, Like the Bread and Wine.
— Be, with - in the puls - ing seas, Ta - pu**** for us all.

* Tāne's garden = the indigenous forest

** Mauri = our life-force

*** Koru = the unfolding fern frond

**** Tapu = holy, sacred

Tāne = the mythical God of the forest

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