

Ahurewa

Hā ū, hā pū
Hā, hū, kō pū
Ka hu, ku ra
Ka hau mai te hau

Breath, breast, breath, source
Breath, silent desire, womb
Cloak, precious
The breath blows on the wind (vital energy comes from the breath)

Tāwhiri mai te tapu
Maiohātia te haeata
Ka ahu mai te hua
O te hau uha
Ki te hā kui

Weave the sacredness
Affectionately greet the dawn (beam of light)
Bring together the seed
Of the feminine vital energy (feminine breath)
To the mother

Ka puta te aro hā
I te kahu i te kura
E puoro ana i te hau
I te aho tapu
I te ara iho
Ka hono i te wairua
Ki te ahurewa

Love appears
In the foetus
The vital essence is resounding
In the sacred thread (the thread that connects us to the atua and our tipuna)
In the umbilical pathway
That joins our spirit
To the highest place (platform), place of ritual

Kahukura, kura huna, kura haupō

Rainbow (holding the seven colours of the spectrum and the seven chakra), special knowledge, halo around the moon (a metaphor for the womb and reference to Hineteiwaiwa as goddess of childbirth)

He tohutohu kahurangi
A te wā koha
Ka mau te aro ha
Ki rō te āhuru mōwai

A precious sign
Of the future (a gift of time)
The greatness of love was held
In the amniotic fluid that nurtures

Kia pū mau tonu te urutapu e

May all things of our natural world be everlasting

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