## Hōrano

## Kupu:

Hōrano, te mātāmua Hōrano, mīharo rawa

Rere ana te wai nā te Ariki Tapu, rere ana te ngākau ki tua o nga ngaru...

Hōrano, tēnei raukura Hōrano, he anahera

E maumahara mātou i tō ataahua

E maumahara mātou i tō aroha...

Hōrano, te mātāmua, mīharo, mīharo rawa, tēnei raukura anahera.

## Whakamārama/Explanation:

We named our first son, Jordaé Hamuera Stirling Boyles. He died in the second trimester, the cause was placental abruption. We had a funeral for him and we cremated him. His ashes lay at an important landmark to me near Ōreti Beach, Waihōpai. Hōrano is a transliteration of Jordan which is where the name we chose derives from. In Hebrew, the name means to descend.

In this oriori he is acknowledged as the firstborn. I felt extremely blessed to have had him. The river descends from the Holy One, Chief Creator. My heart longs and is with you beyond the waves. He is precious, he is an angel. We will remember you beautifully, we will remember the love you brought. Jordaé, firstborn, an immensely treasured blessing. A precious gift, an angel.

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