

Te Ara Pounamu

Kupu:

Ahawah Te Ara Pounamu Lillian tō ingoa. Nā Ihoa i tākoha mai. Tēnei tāonga kia mātou. Harerūia, harerūia. Tēnei tāonga tāpu e. Harerūia, harerūia. Ahawah harerūia.

Whakamārama/Explanation:

After the loss of Jordaé it took a while to recover. I had sustained Post Natal Depression. The fear and deep desire to have a baby born alive weigh heavy on my mind. My son died December 6th 2016. On the day son was meant to be born (17th June 2017). My daughter came to me in a dream. She was a newborn and she told me 'I'm not him, don't judge me, just love'. I woke from the dream and I drenched the bed with sweat. My body gave birth to Jordaé. My body released his memory so that Ahawah could come. Ahawah is Hebrew and means love. My pounamu Ahawah is Takiwātanga and her special talents are dance, music, nature, and physical strength. She was born on the 24th of July 2018.

Her celebratory oriori is a victory song. In it I address her full name. I am praising my Creator, singing harerūia. She is a gift, a sacred gift. I end the song with her name Ahawah and with harerūia which in Hebrew means Praise Yah.

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