

Nei rā te kaupapa

Nā Tāwhiro Maxwell rāua ko Te Okeroa Huriwaka i tito (Te Whakatōhea, Ngāi Tai)

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Ko te reo Māori e
He taonga tuku iho
Nō ngā tīpuna
He pare kawakawa
He mea hirahira e
Tōku reo, tōku ohoho
Māpihi maurea
Whakakai mārihi
Kōrerotia te reo
I ngā wā katoa
Kia kore e rite ki te moa
Mana tangata
Mana motuhake
Tōku reo tōku ohoho
Māpihi maurea
Whakakai mārihi

My language is my awakening
It is the object of my affection
It is the wreath that adorns my head
My language, retention is my responsibility
It is of the greatest significance

Speak the language at all times
Not like the Moa
It's our right and sovereignty
My language, retention is my responsibility
It is of the greatest significance

