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# Famous Maori Songs

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# Foreword

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The ancient Maori was far more expressive in his emotional life than is the European, and one indication of this fact is to be seen in the very prominent part which for him song played in life. Captain Cook recorded of the Maoris that: "They sing with some degree of melody the traditions of their forefathers, their actions in war, and other indifferent subjects, of all of which they are immoderately fond, and spend much time in these amusements, and in playing on a sort of flute." Songs were composed with remarkable facility to express the various emotions, and songs of love and longing, laments, war songs, watch songs, taunting songs, and lullabies were all composed as circumstances evoked them. The finest Maori songs are very old and were handed down the generations, playing their part in the passing of tradition and myth. The words of songs contained much picturesque imagery, special attention was paid to euphony, and their performance was usually accompanied by a variety of graceful gestures. Rhythm was an outstanding feature. The actual musical range was small, but the ancient Maori had an ear for fineness of tone division far beyond that of Europeans. These old-time Maori songs are still to be heard at Maori gatherings, and many of them have been recorded for scientific purposes. Naturally European influence soon made itself felt in this as in other aspects of Maori life, and the Maori was introduced to European music, to hymn and psalm tunes, and to pakeha secular songs. These he has made his own, and song still plays a large part in Maori life. The Maori songs of to-day, with their blending of Maori and European influences, are as characteristic of the present life of the Maori people as were the old songs of the Maori as he was. Maoris have adapted and composed them and European musicians have found them worthy of treatment. They are deservedly popular, for with their marked rhythm and simple melodies they make a universal appeal.

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## Pronunciation of Maori Vowels

In Maori each vowel has one sound but may vary in length, being either short or long. The pronunciation of the vowels is as follows:—

|   |       |              |
|---|-------|--------------|
| A | as in | PĀPĀ         |
| E | as in | SEND, FĒTE   |
| I | as in | HIT, MACHINE |
| O | as in | OBEY, POLE   |
| U | as in | PUT, RUBY    |

# POKARE KARE

H. PIRIPATA  
Arranged by H. ROSCH

**Moderato**

**PIANO**

1. Po - ka - re ka - re a - na nga wai-o wai -  
 2. Tu-hi tu - hi ta - ku re - ta tu-ku a - tu ta-ku  
 1. *Tho' waves at Wai-a - pu were storm - y and*  
 2. *My words and to - ken spoke of my*

a - pu Whi-ti a - tu ko - e hi - ne ma - ri - no a - na e.  
 rii - ni Ka - ki - te to i - wi ra - ru ra - ru a - na e.  
 wild Calm they be - came when you pass'd by.  
 heart My love for ev - er re - mains your own.

**REFRAIN**

dim. rall. D.C.

E hi - ne e, ho - ki mai ra Ka ma - te a - u i - te a - ro - ha e.  
*Maid-en of mine, re - turn once a - gain My heart is yearn-ing for you — my dear.*

dim. rall.

3. E Kore te Aroha e Maroke i te ra  
Makuku tonu i Aku roimata e.

4. Whati whati taku pene Ka pau Aku pepa  
Ko taku Aroha mau tonu Awa e.

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# E PARI RA MAORI SONG

Arranged by  
L. ROWE

About the year 1824, a large war party from the Ngapuhi and other Northern districts, in alliance with the Urewera tribe, invaded the Hawkes Bay district. There they lay seige to and captured the Titirangi Pa. A large number of the inhabitants of that place were slaughtered, some few escaped to the forest inland, and many were taken into Slavery.

Among the prisoners was a young Chieftainess of high rank. As the unhappy prisoners were being conducted away by their captors, this young lady's lover, with a party of warriors arrived with the intention of rescuing the captives. In this they were unsuccessful owing to disparity in numbers, and not possessing fire-arms. Hence from a nearby Ridge in the forest, they helplessly farewelled the prisoners. This was the song sung by the young chief for his lost lover.

## **Moderato**

*Loud as the 'moan tide surges drone 'gainst the shore,*

*E* ho - tu ra Ko ta - ku ma - na - wa - *aye!*  
*Throbs* *my sad heart,* *My tribe, we part in grief* *sore.*

*mf a tempo*

Me ta - ngi no - a a - hau i mu - ri nei  
Here, mourn - ing lone - ly stand I be - reft, none are left;

*mf a tempo*

Te i - wi he nga - kau ta - ngi no - a.  
All, all my braves are dead or slaves, slaves, slaves!

**REFRAIN**

*mf*

Te-na ra! ta - hu - ri mai! e te tau, te a - ro.  
Oh! come back, my love come back, Must I e'er thy pre-sen - ce

*cres - cen - do*

ha \_\_\_\_\_ Te-nei ra a - hau te ta - ngi nei. Mo - hou kua  
lack? \_\_\_\_\_ I who ling - er here to see thee, But no! en-slaved must

wee - hea a - tu ra. Hae - re ra! ma - ha - ra mai  
 Thou be, ne'er free now ev - er - more for - get thou not me,  
 art, and I in des - pair

*mf* < >  
*mf* < >

E te tau! kia mau ki au Hae - re ra! ka tu - tu.  
 ne! I nga ma - rae nei Ko te a - ro - ha e.  
 O! my on - ly love art thou Ah! fare - well I swear to  
 Miss thy love-light ev - 'ry - where Ne'er can I for - get thee tho'

*cresc.*  
*cresc.*

ru \_\_\_\_\_ a - hau Hae - re Ra! \_\_\_\_\_ Nga-ro  
 hi - ne! Hae - re Hae - re Ra. \_\_\_\_\_  
 be e'er faith-ful to thee well! \_\_\_\_\_ Lost thou  
 thou ne'er come back to me, fare - well!  
 f *largo* > > > 1 < 2

*CODA*  
*f*

# HOKI HOKI MAORI LAMENT

Arranged by  
H. ROSCH

**Andante**

PIANO

mp

Ho - ki ho - ki to - nu ma - i,  
Ka pi - ne - a ko - ee a - u  
Ah love long de - part - ed when thy

Te wai - ru - a o Te tau Ki te a - whi  
Ki te pi - ne o Te a . ro - ha Ki te pi - ne  
spir - it folds me close, dear one! Then my soul with

re - i - nga, ki Te - nei ki - ri - e.  
e ko - re nei E wai - ku - ra e.  
thine floats to the land far up a - bove.

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# KA MATE! KA MATE!

## MAORI WAR SONG

Words and Music by  
TE RANGI HIKIROA

**Allegro agitato**

PIANO

**Moderato marziale**

sailed from New Zea - land, to help their Pa-ke-ha bro-thers win us

Free - dom and Peace.

*rit.*

At the

*cresc.* , *cresc.* , *ff*, *a tempo*  
 bat - tle front, shoul - der to shoul - der they charged the foe, with  
*accel.* *cresc.* *ff* *a tempo*  
**REFRAIN**  
*feroce*  
*mf*  
 their great war cry. "Ka Ma-te! Ka Ma-te! Ka o - ra! Ka o - ra!"  
*in strict time*  
 Te - ne - i te ta - nga - ta pu - hu - ru hu - - - ru! Na na ne - i!  
*ff* *mf*  
 i ti - ki ma - i wha - ka whi - ti te ra! U - pa - ne!

U - pa - ne! U - pa - ne! Kau-pa-ne whi-ti te ra!  
*Fine Allegro agitato*

whi-ti te ra!"  
*sf Fine*

*p*  
 Ye  
*ff*

*sostenuto con espressione*,  
 war - riors bold a - sleep in your si - lent tombs,  
*cresc.*  
 a

wake! a - wake! a - wake! Be - hold thy sons who are fight-ing,

fight-ing as ye of old. marcato The en - e - my turns from the

cresc.

repeat Refrain  
al Fine

aw - ful charge, but ev - er a - non they hear that great war cry.

### CHORUS and HAKA

"Ka Mate! Ka Mate! Ka ora! Ka ora!

Maori pronunciation: "Kah mah-tay! Kah mah-tay! Kah o-rah! Kah o-rah!"

Tenei te tangata puhuru huru!  
Tay-nayee tay tah-ngahtah poo-hooroo hooroo!

Na na nei i tiki mai whaka whiti te ra!  
Nah-nah nayee ee teekee mah-ee wha-kah wheetee tay rah!

Upane! Upane! Upane! Kaupane whiti te ra!"  
Oopahnay! Oopahnay! Oopahnay! Kahoopahnay wheetee tay rah!"

Meaning:— Though we may die, or live, we cannot be beaten, for we are the children of *TU*, that invincible God of War.

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# AKOAKO O TE RANGI

## WHISPER OF HEAVEN

ERIMA MAEWA KAIHAWA

Andante

PIANO

Pau - ra - ngi te nga - kau e  
Be - neath a tree stricken with

hi - ne, Moe moe wai - ra - ngi te wai - ru - - a, Ma - ra -  
love I crept, — Wea - ry. and lost a - lone I slept, Ris -

nga ma ta - ngi ha - u o - - ra, Ti - ro pei kata aro - ha i -  
- ing in sweetest hidden mur - - murs, Gen - tle breez - es peep and

runga Mu - ri muri hui hui o u ka - pe, Ke -  
 smile, Soft - er than si-lence o'er my brow they played,

re ke - re aro - ha i run - - ga,  
 Waft - ing loves in-cense to my soul,

Ma - ra - nga e hine kua ro - o - ngo he ra - a - ngi  
 Call-ing a-wake fond one the heav-ens are a - glow - ing

Ka - ho - re he pou - ri ekore etaea ete aroha.  
 There is no dark - ness love can - not light.

# E RERE TAKU POI

## POI SONG

Arranged by  
HEMI PIRIPATA

**With spirit**

PIANO

*mf marcato*

*mf With spirit*

E re - re ta - ku poi. Mau - ri - a a - tu ra,  
Your song twirl poi of mine And with your mel - o - dy

*mf marcato sempre*

cresc.  
Nga ri - ri o - te Moa - na, E pa - pa - ki mai nei. Ko to - ku a - ro - ha  
Take from my weeping heart All the pains of lost love Go forth in - to the night

cresc.

E ka - we ki - te tau  
Bring back the one I love

Mei - nga tu ki - a ho - ki mai. \_\_\_\_\_

Tell her once more to me re - turn. \_\_\_\_\_

*Repeat  
ad lib.*

# HOEA RA

Arranged by  
HEMI PIRIPATA

**Moderato con espressione**

PIANO

The piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom is in bass clef. Both staves are in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The music includes various note values such as eighth and sixteenth notes, along with rests and dynamic markings like *p.* and *f.*

*mp Con espressione*

Hae - re mai e hi ne ma  
1. Come ye maid - ens, come to me,  
2. An aching heart is hard to keep

The soprano vocal line begins with a rest followed by a single note. It then continues with a series of eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The key signature remains three flats throughout. The vocal part is marked *mp*.

*mf*

Me ngā Tao - ngā O te wa He Reo Ka - ra  
Sing - ing song of mel - o - dy: Call - ing one and  
Laugh - ing when it wants to weep: But be - lov'd we

The soprano continues with a steady eighth-note pattern. The vocal line is marked *mf*. The lyrics describe singing, laughing, and weeping.

*rit.*

ngā i Ka - toa Haere mai Ki au.  
all to be Firm where D-u-t-y calls.  
think of you Firm where D-u-t-y calls.

The soprano concludes with a rhythmic pattern marked *rit.* The lyrics end with "au.", "calls.", and "calls.". The vocal line ends with a long sustained note.

## CHORUS

*mf a tempo*

Hoea \_\_\_\_\_ ra te wa - ka nei Hoea \_\_\_\_\_  
 Now ye maid - ens paddle a - way This can -

*do* \_\_\_\_\_ *f* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hoea \_\_\_\_\_ Ki te pai Ma te poi e  
 oe un - til the end May your pois swing

*rall - en - tan - do* \_\_\_\_\_ *D. §*  
 ka - ra - whiu E rahui i - te pai.  
 mer - ri - ly Keep - ing fears a - way.

2. Me pehea rae taea Ai  
 Te Aroha e pehi Kino nei  
 Mo te tau i pamamao  
 Haere mai Ki Au.
3. Koia ra e hine ma  
 Koha Kore moa te pai  
 Haere mai te Atawhai  
 Ka rahui te pai.
4. Wa te Ngakau tanga ra  
 Kite tiwaiwaka nei  
 Te poi Ka hoea Atu nei  
 He tohu No te pai.

3. So ye maidens it may rest  
 All your love and fond caress;  
 For the world to see and know—  
 Firm where Duty calls.
4. A Fantail fluttering on a tree  
 Like my heart so fancy free,  
 Altho' swinging like a poi—  
 But our Duty calls.

# HAERE RA

## MAORI SONG

Arranged by  
HEMI PIRIPATA

**Moderato espressivo**

PIANO

**With expression**

Ha - e - re      ra      e      hi -  
Fare - well, fare - well      o      maid

ne,      en      Ka ho - ki mai      a - no,      Kei wa - re -  
en      Re - turn\_ a - gain      to      me      Al - ways your

wa - re      ko - e      Ki a - hau      e      te      tau,      hi -  
lov - er am      I      Be - true      e      e

*mf a tempo*

Tu - ku - a mai o ngu - tu  
*Oh that your lips I may kiss*

*In*

*mf a tempo*

Kia ki - hi a - tu au,  
*re - mem-brance you love*

Kei wa - re - wa - re  
*Al - ways your lov - er am*

*cresc.*

ko - e, Ko au to tau pu - mau.  
*I Be true al - ways e hi -*

*f*

*ne.*

*f*

*rit.*

*Repeat ad lib.* \*

*Led.*