Hirini Melbourne Te Tohunga mō ngā taonga pūoro o te ao Māori

Nā Tamati Muturangi Reedy, Toi Huarewa, Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Ko Hirini Melbourne rāua ko Richard Nunn

I utaina e te Whare Wānanga o Waikato Te Tohu Kairangi ki runga i a Hirini i te 23 o Poutū-te-rangi 2002. E utaina ana tēnei momo tohu ki te hunga kua tū hei tohunga i roto i ngā whāinga mātauranga o ngā whare wānanga o te motu. Ko Hirini tēnā.

I tipu mai a Hirini i roto i ngā kōawaawa me ngā maunga pūkohu o Tūhoe. He piringa anō ōna ki Kahungunu. Ka pakeke ka haere ki Te Aute, whai muri ake i tēnei ka tau atu ki te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki. Ka whiwhi i tana Tohu Paetahi i te tau 1975. Nō muri mai ka whiwhi i tana Tohu Paerua i te Whare Wānanga o Waikato.

Kua pau te rua tekau mā toru tau i a Hirini e whakaako ana i te reo, ngā

Don Charles Selwyn, Te Aupouri, Ngāi Takoto me Ngāti Kuri

Nā Taiarahia Black, Nō Tūhoe, Te Pūtahi a Toi

He iti pioke nō waho o Rangunu,
he au tōna

I roto i ēnei tauwharenga whakaaro e hua ai te hīkoi whakamua o te hunga tātaki, tātari, whakahau, tohutohu, ārahi ki tā te Māori whakaū pouaka whakaata Māori, me te atamira whakarewa kōrero tumutumu. Ko te tuarā ko ngā kōrero tuku iho purata. Whāia ka noho te whakaaro mā te Māori anō ia e whakahau, e whakatū i roto i ngā mahi whakaari nei, ahakoa pēhia mai, ahakoa kūtia mai.

I roto ake i a tātau ka ara ake ngā rātā whakamarumaru e whawhaitia ai te whawhai pai, e omakia ai te oma pai ka tūteihu nei ko te kupu kōrero "mā te aroaro whākī o te tinana te rerenga kōrero e whakatau ki runga i te atamira whakaaturanga. Ko Don Charles Selwyn tēnei o te kūaka mārangaranga o Te Aupouri, Ngāi Takoto, me Ngāti Kurī o roto mai i Te Hiku o te Ika a Māui. I roto i ngā whā tekau tau, neke atu e mau ana a Don Selwyn i te rākau tawhito o ēnei momo whakaari hei whakarewa i te tūhono o te kupu, o te tinana kia ngauru noa ngā paiaka māhorahora o te puna wānanga, te mata ariki o te kupu, te tohunga rawa o te Māori ki te papa whakaoho o te whakaaturanga whakaari-ā-tīnana, ā pouaka whakaata ka tinanatia nei e ia. Anei ētahi o ana werawera i roto i ngā tau:

Whare Ākuhata, Pū Kāea

- i te tau 1960 ko te puke moemoeā tēnā o *Midsummer's Night Dream a Wiremu Hakapia*
- i te tau 1962 ko tā Bruce Mason whakaari *The Hand on the Rail* he mea tuhi e Bruce Mason, mā Don Selwyn e whakatinana
- i ngā tau whitu tekau ko *Mortimer's Patch* tēnā ko Selwyn a Sergeant Bob Storey. 14 katoa ngā waihanga whakaari i mahia e ia puta noa ki tērā whakaaturanga o *Pukemanu*
- i roto i ēnei o ngā whakaaturanga nunui ko Selwyn tētahi o ngā kaihautū o *Came a Hot Friday, Sleeping Dogs me Goodbye Pork Pie*. Ko ia anō hoki tētahi o ngā kaiwhakarite o *Once Were Warriors*, me *What Becomes of the Broken Hearted*.