tikanga me te taonga nui e kaingākautia ana nei e ia, arā ngā taonga pūoro a te ao Māori. E kī ana a Hirini nā tērā tonu o ōna pāpā nā Hoani Rangihau a ia i whakahau kia haere mai ki kōnei mahi ai. Ko te reo me ngā kōrero a tērā tohunga i whakawhāititia e Hirini ki roto ki tāna kete wānanga.

Ko ngā taonga whakaputanga a Hirini he maha. Ko ana waiata kei roto i ngā kohanga reo me ngā kura kaupapa o te motu e waiatatia ana e ā tātou mokopuna. Ko ana tuhituhi, he pērā anō. Ko te reo o ana tuhinga me ana waiata e kawe ana i te tatangi o ngā manu tīoriori o te waonui a Tāne, tae ake ki te hopunga i te reo o ngā tamariki a Tāwhirimātea, te hau, te marangai. Ko te haruru o te moana, te papaki o ngā parirau o ngā ngārara me ngā manu o te ngahere, koinei katoa ngā pūoro e rangona ana e tāua e te tangata i roto i te taiao. Ko ngā waiata a Hirini he whakaahua i ēnei mea katoa.

Ko te mea i tino rangahau whānuitia e Hirini, e kīia ai a ia he tohunga, ko ngā taonga pūoro a te ao Māori. Ehara anake tōna tohungatanga i te whakatangitangi i aua taonga pēnei i ngā momo pū - te pūtētere, te pūkaea, te pūtōrino, te kōauau, te nguru, tae atu hoki ki ngā pōhatu whakatangitangi o roto i ngā awa me ngā rau rākau. Engari ko ngā whakamārama a Hirini kua tuhia, kua whakamaua ki rō kōpae rorohiko hei taonga whakamirimiri mā te hunga tamariki kei te tipu ake.

I te rā i whakamaua ai te tohu ki a Hirini ka pakaru mai ngā iwi o ngā hau e whā, kāore hā ko tana iwi nui tonu a Tūhoe. Ka puta te ihi whakahī i te whakatakotoranga a te ao Māori me te ao Pākehā i ngā mihi mōna. Ka mutu ngā mihi ki te marae ka kawea te whakapōtaetanga ki roto i te Whare Tapere o te Whare Wānanga. Ko Hirini hoki tētahi o ngā kaiarataki nāna i whakatutuki te moemoeā mō tēnei whare. E tika ana kia kākahuria ia ki ngā taonga o wharawhara ki kōnei.

Ko te mea aroha i roto i tēnei kōrero i tuhia ake nei e au mōna, ko te mōhio whānui o te ao kei te noho māuiui a ia i tēnei wā. Kei te ngaua te tinana e te mate. Ko ngā tūmanako nui kia manaaki nuitia a Hirini me tana whānau e Te Mea Ngaro i roto i ngā rā e tū mai nei.

Ko Don Selwyn

I roto i ngā tau waru tekau ka whakatūtia e ia tērā o ana kaupapa *He Taonga mai i Tawhiti* ki Tāmaki-makau-rau. Ka riro tonu iho ko tana reo hei whakahau, hei whakangungu taiohi Māori ki ngā mahi whakaari, pouaka whakaata. I konei ka whitikia ko Tēmuera Morrison. I whakaatutia nei e Tēmuera te paiaka o te riri ki roto o *Once Were Warriors*, ka mau nei i te whakamā o te waipiro. Inā tērā kanohi o tāua ko Jake the Muss. Nā Selwyn a Tēmuera i tohutohu, i whakaū ki ngā momo whakaū, whakaora i te kupu, i te mataku hoki o te titiro.

I roto i ngā momo tuhinga maninikura a Wiremu Hakapia, ko Selwyn te mātāpuna whakatinana i te whakaari, te rerenga kōrero mō Julius Caesar, Hamlet, Othello, King Lear, me Macbeth. Ko rāua anō hoki ko tana tuakana ko Inia Te Wiata i roto i a Porgy me Bess. Haere ake nei ngā tau ko te waka i tino whakahaua, i ākitia e ia ko te mau i ana pūkenga hei kākahu whakatipu i te momo rangatahi, taiohi Māori ki ngā mahi whakaari, whakamahi pouaka whakaata e kite nei tātau i ngā hua i ēnei rā.

Ko tēnei o ana kāinga rua, i oioitia ai e tōna ringa, e tōna hinengaro uimākihoi ko *Te Tangata Whai Rawa o Wēniti*. Tēnei hou kōtuku, tēnei puke i hakahaka, e kitea ai, e rangona ai te reo tarāwhare o te ao tawhiti e puputu mai ana. Ko te puna tāwari kōrero tēnei a Wīremu Hakapia. Ko te tuatahi tēnei e maiangi mai ana, e hāhaka ai tō tātau reo rangatira ki te ārai nui whakaata kōrero.

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