

Āwhina – He Whakaari

Nā J.K Hurihanganui, Nō Te Arawa ne Ngāti Porou

“Kātahi tōnu nei au ka tuhi whakaari hai mātakitaki mā whatu, hai whakarongo mā taringa,” hei tā te kaituhi o Āwhina.

I tuhia e Hone te whakaari nei, a Āwhina, hai rau atu ki roto i te wāhanga ‘Reo Māori’, arā, te ‘Reo Māori Season’ a Taki Rua Productions mō te tau 2003.

“Kātahi te mahi kaitā rawa atu ko tēnei!” hei tāna anō.

He uri a Hone nō Te Arawa me Ngāti Porou. I whānau ia ki Rotorua engari i whakatupua a ia i Te Whanganui-a-Tara. Ka kuraina hoki ki reira.

“I a au e tamariki ana, he rite tonu te rangona o te reo Māori i te kāinga, engari, i te kura, pākorehā!”

“Kātahi anō au ka kite i tētahi huarahi e rangona ai aku kōrero me aku whakaaro e te tini me te mano.”

Tokowhā ngā tamariki a Hone rāua ko Shelley (Rutene). Ko Te Ataahia (12 tau), rātou ko Aperahama (10 tau), ko Te Āniwaniwa (6 tau), ko Tamatekapua (5 tau).

“Nā runga i te tono a Taki Rua kia tuhia mai he whakaari, ka huri te ringa ki te tuhi. E hika, ka makere noa mai ngā whakaaro i roto i a au, ka mutu, ka mirimiria, ka whakairohia hai whakaaturanga mā te tamariki, otirā, mā te whānau.”

Hei tā Hone, he nui ngā take i whakaaea ai e ia māna e tuhi, arā, ko tētahi tino take nei, ko te matenga mai o tana kohake a Aperahama Te Kapua-i-waho Hurihanganui i tērā tau.

“Kātahi anō au ka rongu i te mamae pēnei rawa te kino, pēnei rawa te taumaha!”

Ko Āwhina, he kōrero mō ngā tokorua nei a Tama-nui-te-rā (Sunny) rāua ko tana tuahine a Te Āniwaniwa (Baba).

Ka mate tō rāua kōkā i te mate pukupuku, nā reira ko te pūtaka o te whakaari nei, ko ngā piki me ngā heke ka pā ki te hunga i mahue nei ki te ao ora.

Tekau tau te pakeke o Tama, e waru tau te pakeke o Baba ka mate mai a Āwhina. I tō rāua hokinga mai i te tangihanga ka rongu tonu rāua i āna akoranga, i āna tohutohu, i āna waiata e whakahau ana kia whakapūmautia ngā āhuatanga nei o te aroha, o te manaakitanga, o te ngākau hūmārie.

Ka wareware haere i a rāua ngā akoranga a tō rāua kōkā i te pahemotanga ake o ngā rā, o ngā



Ko Hone Hurihanganui me tana whānau. Mai i te taha mauī ko Hone, ko Te Ataahia, ko Aperahama, ko Shelley; ko Tamatekapua rāua ko Te Āniwaniwa kei mua.

wiki, o ngā marama.

Ahakoa ngā tohutohu a tō rāua kōkā kia kaua ngā tamariki tokorua nei e kake i te puke (Maunga Hanga), ka pikitia e rāua. Rokohanga noatia atu he rākau rerekē e tupu ana i runga i te puke. Ka kainga e Tama ngā hua o te rākau rā, ka noho, ka noho, ā, ka huri mārika tōna hanga – ka kino te weriweri. Nō muri mai ka kite ngā kaimātakitaki i te tamaiti nei e whakahāwea ana i ōna hoa, e tūkino ana i tōna teina – ka mau te wehi!

Tūturu, ka puta i a ia ngā āhuatanga kikino o roto i te tangata. Ka ngākau pōuri a Āwhina e mātakitaki rā i āna tamariki e kimi orange rā mō rāua.

Kāti. Ka nui tēnei hai whakahikohiko i te manawa.

He tūrehu, he kēhua, he waiata, he mea whakakatakata ka kitea i

roto i te whakaari nei. Nānoa te kaitā o te mahi nei hai whakatutuki mā Hone, e harakoa rā kua mutu te taha ki te kaituhi, i nāiane, ko tā ngā kaiwhakaari he whakatinana i ngā tuhinga.

“Waimarie katoa ana tēnei i te kaha āwhina mai o ētahi. Ko Nancy Brunning tēnā, i whakaae ai māna ngā kaiwhakaari e whakahaere. Ko Grace Hoet tēnā me āna mahi whakariterite”

E ai ki a Hone, me kore ake te kaha o ētahi ki te āwhina i a ia, kua kore noa iho he hua i te mutunga iho.

“Ko tētahi mea aroha ki a au, e kore taku pāpā a Aperahama e kite i te whakaari nei, tūturu he hua i ahu mai ai i āna akoranga. Tēnei te tūmanako ake nei ka tinana aua akoranga i konei, i roto i aku tuhinga.”