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Tai o Koroki, e i,
Tangi whakapuai, whakaraorao ana,
Ki roto Mangawai.
Patua te kakara nga uru¹ tawairiki.
E Tama! Ngaro noa i roto i a Pipori,
Kihai koe i uhia ki te kahu patiki,
Ki te po whakarua, kia hoki mai ai
To tira ki Wairau, na i....

Ngaro noa taku tau i te huakanga ata,
Te whakarewanga mai te tara ki Whakaahu,²
Hokio,³ manu ra e huhu i te rangi.
E tia taku ipo ka warea e te moe.
E piki, e tama, te ara o Tawhaki
He ara kai ariki, na i...

Hoiaia to tapuae ko te ihi o Tu,
Tenei to maro ki whitikia atu
Koutu⁴ wharawhara, kia pai atu koe
Te whakawaia mai te wahine⁵ Oti-Rua,
I te kapa ka whati i runga o Taniko,
Ki to matua ra, kia turia koe
Te whare o Uenuku, kia horahia iho
Ki te takapau kura,
Ki te putahi ki a Rehua, e i..

Taku pohoi toroa ka rehua e te kohu;
Taku ate hoki ra he rau nga mahara
I tokotokona ai e nuku kia mamao.
Me tauhi koe ki te wai taramea,
Kia kaukau koe i te wai o Mapuna,
He wai puna tea, na i..

Taku tiki pounamu ko te huanga anake;
Taku koko tangiwai ka motu i te taringa;
Taku rake⁶ tihauora nau i tamoe,
Moeke ana koe i raro i te reinga.
Me uta atu koe ki te waka rangaranga;
'A ura to kiri, me wai titoki,
Hei kaukau ake i te hono mokai,
Ake a te hoa: tirohia iho ra
Taku kahui tara, tena whanatu na.
Whaowhaoa mai ra to takapu iti
Ki te kai o te wai, na i..

Me kahi e au te kora⁷ o Mahuika.
I hurihuria ai to kiri haepapa.
To uru makaka ka pua-e te hau.
Taku tamaiti, e i!

¹Uru tawairiki: E rua nga ahua tawai, he mangu tetahi, he ma tetahi, he ngongohe nga rau. Ko te mea ma te uru tawairiki.