

Ngāhinatūrae Tūteao Te Uira *mai i te whārangi tuatahi*

He tohu rongonui tonu i whakawhiwhia ki a ia i tōna wā, arā, i riro mai i a ia te tohu Diploma of Social Science, Te Tohu Kaiwhakamāori/whakapākehā, te University of Waikato Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award mō tōna hiranga mātauranga, i tukua he Foreign Leadership Grant ki a ia e te kāwanatanga o Amerika.

Atu i ēnei mahi i tohua anō ia e te wā kia mahi i roto i Te Tari Toko i te Ora, otirā i ngā tūranga matua tonu i te mea e kitea ana ōna pūkenga ki te aronui ki ngā tutukinga waewae o te iwi Māori i ngā poro o ā rātau nā mahinga. I noho anō ia hei kaiārahi, hei kaiako i ngā tamariki e whakauru ana ki ngā mahi toko i te ora. He tohu anō tēnei o te aronui o ngā upoko o te ao Pākehā o te ao Māori anō hoki ki te ngaio o tēnei wahine ki te mahi i roto i ngā hapori Māori, Pākehā hoki.

Ko te pou matua o roto i ōna whakaaro ki tōku mōhio ki a ia, ko te kaupapa o te Kīngitanga. He nui rawa anō ngā wā i haere ai ia i te taha o Te Arikiniui, o Te Atairangikāhu i āna hāere ahakoa i ngā motu o Aotearoa, i te ao whānui rānei. Ko ia ka whakamau ōna whakaaro kia noho tonu ia ki te hāpai, ki te waha i ngā wāhi o ngā mahi e riro ai, e hoatu ai rānei māna aua mahi. I whāngaihia ia ki ngā mānga kai, ki ngā kai mārō hoki o ōna hapū, o ōna iwi, hei konei ka taea te kī, “he tāonga mai tawhiti”. Nō konā ka noho te pūmāutanga ki āna i whakapono ai, i piripono ai hoki ki te Kīngitanga. He wahine tapatahi te ngākau.

Ko taku tino piringa tata ki tēnei wahine i a māua e mahi ana hei mema o Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori. I reira ahau ka kite i ngā pūmanawa, i te mōhio o te wahine nei ki te wetewete, ki te tātari i ngā whakaaro e rārangi ai ki mua

i tōna aroaro. Nāna tāna mahi! Ka mahi anō ia ki te kawē i ngā kaupapa aroā o roto i ngā kura reo i whakatūria ai e Te Taura Whiri. Ki te hokia ngā pukapuka o aua kura reo o roto i ngā tekau tau ka hori, nuku noa atu rānei, e kore e hapa kei reira tōna ingoa e whata mai ana. Āe rā he wahine ia nō tōna wā.

Ko te wahine nei ko ‘Īna’, he wahine mō ngā āhuatanga katoa a te wahine ahakoa he aha te mahi. Ka hiahia ki te whakaputa i ōna whakaaro, ahakoa he aha, ki a wai rānei, e kore e wehi, kāore hoki e huna. Koirā tōna āhua. Kāore ia i kōrero i tōna mate nāna nei te wahine nei i tango atu, engari ka aronui tonu ki ngā mahi kei ana ringa e noho ana. Ko tana tūmanako kia tutuki i a ia te whakarārangi i ngā kōrero o roto i ngā rātaka, wātaka hoki a tōna rangatira wahine a Te Puea Hērangi. Heoi, kei te wā e kitea ai tōna huanga mai ki te ao mārama.

Nō reira e te kura kua pupuni ki runga ki a Rehua

Tomokia te whare o Miru ki te pō

Tākiri manawa o Rangawhenua

Ka aranga te haunui nō apaaparangi

Tangohia mai ngā whatu i reira

Ka tū ki waho rā te whatu kai tangata

Ka noho ki runga rā te whatu kai ariki

Ko Kāka te rangi kei konā ngā Kīngi

Kei konā tō Arikiniui a Te Atairangikāhu

Ko kōrua ēnā kua tae atu ki Tūpaengarau.

He Taonga ora nō Aotearoa te Reo Māori *mai i te whārangi tuarua*

- Te whakakaha i ngā tautokohanga mō Te Wiki o te Reo Māori;
- Te whakatūtanga i te Ratonga Pouaka Whakaata Māori i timata te whakaata i te tau 2004;
- Te whakawhiwhi pūtea mō tētahi hōtaka pārongo reo Māori;
- Te whakamātautau i tētahi hōtaka whanaketanga reo Māori ā-whānau;
- Te whakawhiwhi kaupapa ake, te pūtea whakahaere, me ngā tautokohanga mō ngā reo irirangi iwi (i ngā tau 2005 me 2007);
- Te whakawhiwhi pūtea ake mō te Ratonga Pouaka Whakaata Māori, hei whakatū i te hongere tuarua,

ka whakaata katoa i roto i te reo;

- Te whakanui i ngā tautokohanga mō te maha o ngā kaiako kaupapa Māori; me
- Te whanake i tētahi marautanga hou hei ako i te reo Māori.

Me te mea, kua timata tātou ki te kite i ngā hua. Kua tino kaha ake te oranga o te reo Māori i waenga i ngā tau e rima ki muri.

I puta mai i Te Rangahautanga o te Reo Māori, 2006, e āhua 52 ōrau o ngā pakeke Māori, kua whiwhi i ētahi taumata matatau kōrero Māori – 10 ōrau te pikinga mai i te tau 2001. I tua atu i tēnei, e 67 ōrau o te hunga i rangahautia, kua whiwhi i ētahi

taumata matatau whakarongo ki te reo Māori – e 8 ōrau te pikinga.

Mā te tau kei mua nei, he āhuahanga tau whakahirahira mō te reo Māori i a mātou ka arotake, ka whakahou i te Rautaki Reo Māori.

Mā ēnei mahinga ka pūmau tā tātou haerenga whakamua i runga i tēnei huarahi whakapakari i te reo, otirā, ka pūmau anō te tūranga o te reo Māori hei taonga ora mō Aotearoa.

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