



He Muka

He Pitopito Kōrero nā Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori

Ngāhinatūrae Tūteao Te Uira

nā Te Wharehuia Milroy, nō Ngāi Tūhoe

E te pononga a te Atua, te mūrau a te tini, te wenerau a te mano, mā wai e whakatika te waka ka tikoki, mā wai e whakaara te iwi ka hē? Ko wai hei kawē i te reo Māori i whakarērea mai ai e ōu mātua tīpuna, ko wai e tau hei whakatairanga i te rongomaiwhiti o tōu o tō Tainui reo? Tēnei ngā reanga e nanaiore noa nei ki te kura wānanga kua wehe atu nei i te tirohanga kanohi; ki te kura tangata kua riro i a aituā kaiponu kino; ki te kura karakia kua hoki ki tōna kaihangā; ki te kura tawhiti kua hāngū nei te waha ki te kōrero i ngā kupu o te ōrokohanganga mai anō; ki te kura kōrero ko ia nā hoki te kākahu o te whakaaro nui; ki te kura wāwāhi rangi, wāwāhi whenua e hua mai ai te ora ki te tangata, kua unuhia koe i a mātāu te hunga kua noho kua pania e te mate.

E te whakarurubau o ngā tau ki te marea, te rākau taumatua ki te huihuinga o te tini o te mano, "Īna, ko koe tēnā kua riua ki te ripo ki whakaterere, ki whakangaro, ki whakaoti atu. Kua kaniarwhea te ngākau, kua kenepuru te ate, kua rukupopo te ao Māori; auē e te pōuri kei hea tōu māramatanga; auē e te mamae kei hea tōu whakamabutanga; auē e te aroha kei hea tōu whakamutunga; auē e te mate kei hea tōu wero; auē e te Reinga kei hea tōu wikitōria?"

I whānau mai te wahine nei i Tahāroa, takiwā ki te rohe o Kāwhia ki roto o Tainui i te 4 o Pipiri i te tau 1932. I kuraina ki Tahāroa ka whakaotia atu e ia ōna rā kura ki te kura mō ngā kōtiro Māori i Kuini Wikitōria ki Tāmaki makau rau. Otirā, ko ia te puhitacoreore o taua kura, te mātāmua o ngā kōtiro katoa o taua kura ā-mātauranga, ā-ārahi tamāhine hoki. I roto i a ia ngā ira o te kāhui rangatira e rere ana. Mai i reira, ka uru ki ngā mahi kāwanatanga tau rawa atu ana ki roto i Te Tari Māori

o ngā tau o te rima tekau o tērā rau tau. I reira ia e whakangungua ana ki ngā parehua o ērā momo whakahaere, i kite ai, i mōhio ai ki ngā mahi hei whakawhanake i te ora o te iwi Māori. I kite anō ia i ngā mate e whakapā mai ana ki te iwi i te ao hurihuri e whakaeke ana i ōna momo āhuatanga ki te tangata.

I te tau 1956, ka whakawhiwhia ki te tūranga o te Āpiha Toko i te Ora o Te Tari Māori. Ko wai kāore i mōhio ki te wahine nei? Nā roto mai o ōna

hīkoinga i taua mahi ka horapa te rongō ki ngā tōpito o te ao Māori. Ko ōna hoa mahi ko Nau Pūriri, ko Arapeta Awatere, ko Moana Raureti, ko Bill Herewini, ko Hoani Rangihau, ko Ani Delamere, ko Barbara Devonshire, ko Raiha Serjeant, ko Rūmātiki Wright, ko Iritana Tawhiwhirangi me te huhua noa anō o ngā pū o roto i te ao Māori. He wahine tuarā whānui, he wahine marae, he wahine kua mahue mai i a ia he tapuwae e kore pea e taea te whakakapi i tēnei wā.

Huri atu ki te whārangi tuarohitu

