

I took in a big breath, filling my lungs with sea and air and land and people. And with past and present and future, and felt a new strength course through me. I lifted my voice to sing and heard and felt the others join with me. Singing loudly into the darkest of nights. Calling on the strength of the people. Calling them to paddle the canoes and to paddle on and on. To haul the canoes down and paddle. On and on——

*Aotea, Tainui, Kurahaupo
Mataatua, Te Arawa,
Takitimu, Tokomaru
Hoea hoea ra*

Nō reira, ko te whakamutunga tenei o taku korero. Tēna koutou, tēna koutou, tēna koutou katoa.

Footnote

The *Record* is following current practice in marking vowel lengths, choosing the macron rather than the double vowel. The author's preference would have been to leave vowel lengths unmarked. (*Ed.*)