



NGATI RAUKAWA KI TE WAIPOUNAMU



Ko Ranginui te tuanui
Ko Papatuanuku te papa
Ko te poutūārongo kei Pikitū
Ko te poutokomanawa kei Ngātira
Ko te poutāhu kei Tārukenga, kei Te Ngākau
Ōna maihi, taka mai ki Te Wairere
Ki Horohoro.

He aha tena ko Te Waipounamu?

*Estranged
from our
Land,
Estranged
from our
People,
Yet our
spirit
Remains
Strong.*

People of Raukawa have always spread far and wide; from our ancestor Turongo, who travelled the width of the North Island in search of love – to our whanau who left Maungatautari in search of a new home further south.

Although our Tipuna travelled many miles, one thing remained constant; our Iwi maintained it's ancestral knowledge and kinship ties.

Unfortunately for many descendents of Raukawa down here in Te Waipounamu, a lot of us are second generation South Islanders, who do not have a strong sense of who we are and where we are from. However, we can change this, both for ourselves and our future generations.

*Tauwehea
to matou
Kainga.
Tauwehea
to matou
Tangata.
Engari, Tu
Tonu to
matou
Wairua;
Ake, Ake,
Ake.*

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

We need to gather together to share our knowledge and to generate some kind of whanaungatanga down here in Te Waipounamu. My suggestion is to hold a gathering in Otautahi, in which we can celebrate our belonging to Raukawa and build a foundation of knowledge for our future generations. In order to do so, I need to know how many whanau would be interested in taking part. If you are interested, please make contact with me by e-mail or on the following numbers:

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