

Manu Tukutuku

Ko tērā taonga ka hangaia e te Māori, ka tukua kia rere, kia hoka i te rangi, ka kīia he manu tukutuku, he manu aute rānei. Ko te kupu tukutuku, i ahu mai i te tukutuku a te tangata i te aho e piki haere ai te manu ki runga.

Kua riro hoki ko te manu aute tētahi anō ingoa whānui mō te manu tukutuku, engari ko te tino taunga o te kupu, ko ngā manu tukutuku ka hangaia ki te kiri, ki te hiako o te rākau ko te aute tōna ingoa. He maha ngā hanga o te manu tukutuku e taea ana, engari ko te nuinga, he āhua rite tonu ki te manu.

Ko te manu tukutuku tētahi hanga e tūhonoa ai te rangi ki te whenua. He ara hoki hei tuku kōrero ki tētahi kei kō tata atu e noho ana, hei tauira, hei whakamōhio pea i te pā kei tua atu i tō koutou me hui tahi koutou ki te whiriwhiri i tētahi kaupapa.

Arā hoki ngā pakiwaitara i whai wāhi nui ai te manu tukutuku ki ngā āhuatanga i pā, inā koa a Tāwhaki i mahi ki te whai atu i a Tangotango ki te rangi, a Rahi i whakamahi manu tukutuku ki te aru i a Te Ara, a Māui i whakaangi manu aute kia rere ai ia i runga ake o te whenua.

He wāhi anō kei te manu tukutuku i roto i ngā mahi taha wairua. Nā Māui i whakahau ngā hau ki tana manu aute, ā, i ngā ringaringa o te tohunga nui, whakamīharo ana ngā mahi ka oti i te manu aute. Māna, mā te manu tukutuku e tohu mehemea ka whaihua te whakaeke a te ope taua, mehemea he whenua e wātea ana kia whakanōhia, ā, koia hoki tētahi ara e whakawhiti kōrero tahi ai ētahi hapū, ētahi iwi.

Ko te tikanga i mua, kia karakia te tangata koia kei te whakarere, kei te whakaangi i tana manu. Ko tētahi ingoa mō ēnei tū karakia ko te turu manu. Mā te turu manu e tika ai te rere a tō manu. Anei tētahi turu manu i tuhia e Te Peehi i Te Teko. Nā Hāmiora Pio, o Ngāti Awa, te turu manu nei.¹

Piki mai, piki mai
Te mata tihi o te rangi,
Te mata taha o te rangi,
E ko koe
Kai whaunomia e koe
Ki te kawe tuawhitu
Ki te kawe tuawaru
Tahi te nuku, tahi te rangi,
Ko te kawa i hea?
Ko te kawa i taumata āio
I taumata raha
Kawa i te rangi—e
Pikitia e koe ki tō matua, ki a Hākuai
Ki tō tupuna, kia Rehua i te rangi—e.”

¹ Journal of the Polynesian Society, Elsdon Best
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