

Waiata

ENJOY A WAIATA (OR TWO!)

*Waiata brings us together and makes us stronger,
and learning them can be heaps of fun.*

WHY WE SING WAIATA?

There are waiata for all kinds of occasions. Waiata can be used to entertain, enhance a pōwhiri or speech, convey a message, share a story, show aroha or express sadness.

They're a great way to honour our tupuna and show pride in our culture.

The simple waiata A Hakama (right) is great for those learning to speak te reo Māori.

A HAKAMA

A ha ka ma na pa ra ta wa nga wha
E he ke me ne pe re te we nge whe
I hi ki mi ni pi ri ti wi ngi whi
O ho ko mo no po ro to wo ngo who

A E I O U

U hu ku mu nu pu ru tu wu ngu whu

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You can find the tune on YouTube by searching “A Hakama waiata”.

Another great waiata to search and learn is:
Tūtira mai ngā iwi.

***Te kaha me te wairua
Energy flows where energy goes***