This is a cumulative waiata. The dog, cat, bird, and cow make their sounds in turn as the song builds. Students could make their own cumulative waiata, using this as a composition model.

There are just three notes, C, D, and E, in the whole song. It can be played easily on the xylophone.

It is a way for students to practise vowel-blend sounds. Students can explore the sounds in different combinations, with the teacher holding up flash cards showing the different animals and the students responding with the correct sound. This is most effective if the flash cards are shown at a fast pace and in changing order.

The song sheets for all waiata and haka are at the back of this book.