

27. MIHI MAI NGOI PEWHAIRANGI



Mihi mai rā aku rangatira e	<i>Greet us my esteemed hosts</i>
Mihi mai ki runga rā	<i>Greet us on this</i>
I te harakoa o te kaupapa e	<i>Happy occasion</i>
He taonga nā tātou katoa	<i>A gift from us all</i>
Meinga tēnei hei tūhonohono e	<i>May it unite us</i>
He tikanga pai nā te aroha e auē	<i>For it is a good cause</i>
Ka poua te manawa	<i>Touching the heart</i>
Whiti rere tonu ake	<i>Alighting directly</i>
Nā te rangimārie	<i>From peace</i>
Te rangimārie	<i>Comes harmony</i>
Te rangimārie	<i>From harmony</i>
Nā te rangimārie	<i>Comes peace</i>

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This is for visitors to sing to entertain hosts, usually in a concert setting. It asks for hearts to be joined in peace and harmony. Discuss with the students possible contexts for singing this waiata. These contexts may include visiting a marae, another school, or another class.

Examine the final four lines and publish them as a whakataukī or motto for the classroom. Add words to the ngā kupu hou chart and the list of welcoming words.

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