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Ngā iwi e

To all the tribes

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To all the nations

Kia kotahi rā

Let us all unite

Te Moana Nui a Kiwa

We the peoples of the Pacific

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Kia mau rā

Let us hold fast

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Ki te mana motuhake

To our independence, our sovereignty

Me te aroha

And our compassion

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This is one version of this well-known waiata, urging the peoples of the Pacific to hold fast to independence and sovereignty. This is a good classroom and assembly song.

The letters are the first three vowels of the Māori alphabet. This waiata will aid pronunciation.

Identify and focus on the phrases that call people to attention and action, such as “Ngā iwi e” and “Kia mau rā”.

Have the students develop actions in groups and perform them to other groups.

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