

# TARANAKI SINGS

OUR SINGERS, OUR SONGS



## New Plymouth

### *Ars Nova Choir*

On the breeze of early morn the Kererū take flight  
Over forest, bush and garden seen  
Mountain streams and raging rivers flowing into sight  
Swooping wings o'er fruitful pastures green

Hot feet with the black sand between our toes  
Driftwood strewn by surf  
While crashing breakers roar  
Staunch breezes surge upon the shore  
Of our wild west coast

Glimpsed through gaps of Kōwhai branches joyous Tūi feed  
Praising life and nature with their song  
Nectar feeders messy eaters swift black shadows speed  
Bobbing poi their mating calls prolong

At the mouth of Waiwhakaiho Pukunui breed  
Nesting where the sandbar meets the tide  
Coastal walkway, bowing Wind Wand kindly intercede  
Nature's ways will always be our guide



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## My Taranaki

### *City Sounds Choir*

*To the mountain I lift mine eyes  
Ev'ry morning when I arise  
Then our maunga tells me I'm home  
When I return from whence I roam*

The ranges calling strangers  
Silver wings fly high above  
We look down for the snowy crown  
And the land that we love

We have pride in our land  
A safe place for our tamariki  
From green bush to black sand  
In our province of creativity

The mountain is hiding, the mountain is shy today  
The mountain's got a hat on, the mountain is a rainmaker  
The mountain is a constant presence, the mountain is a reference point  
The mountain demands respect, the mountain's not just something to conquer  
We say My Taranaki, my Taranaki

To the mountain I lift my heart  
Never more to be apart  
When our maunga calls me home  
I return here no more to roam.



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## Made by Women

### *Living Harmony*

Lifting the spirits bringing gladness  
Harmony makers behind the scene  
People don't notice  
Just what the process is in between  
Made by women

Holding a cloak of song to shelter under  
Weaving our strands of sound making it stronger  
Coming back home to sing in the choir  
Taking strength from each other  
Made by women

Stories through the eyes of women  
Mothers when they sing to daughters  
Daughters singing now as mothers  
Giving women their voice  
To speak the unsung roles of women

Women are drawn here by the maunga  
Overseas faces from distant places  
Weaving colours and seasons  
Colours of life  
Made by women



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### *Living Harmony*

Stories through the eyes of women  
Aunties when they sing to sisters  
Sisters singing now together  
Giving women their voice  
Grannies aunties sisters mothers  
We are all daughters joined together  
Daughters of those gone before us  
Those on whose foundations we stand  
We are all daughters drawn together

Singing out sing out  
Women here sing out  
Singing out sing out  
Women here stand out  
Amazing Taranaki women  
Taranaki women  
Sing out!



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## Energy - Indicate

### *Taranaki Male Choir*

*Energy of the people*                      *bring it back bring it back bring it back*  
*Energy of the wind and sea*           *bring it back bring it back bring it back*  
*Energetic geography*                   *bring it back bring it back bring it back*  
*Will energise our creativity*

Celebrate our wild west coast  
She stands out proud as a mighty host  
Our land is rich and our people strong  
Built on oil and gas and turf  
But shaped by wind and rain and turf  
We paint we plant we carve our stone

Don't bother with your indicators  
If you don't know where you're going  
Are you getting more from doing less  
Learn to live well within our limits  
While our precious coast is fast eroding  
Are we getting more from having less

That Ford Ranger is a mighty car  
It carries you and your family far  
I see you have a personal plate  
So you don't need to indicate  
I bet you think you're going great  
You drive so fast you're running late  
At orange lights you accelerate  
And you never ever indicate



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## Energy - Indicate

### *Taranaki Male Choir*

So you live there that s your front gate  
Behind lies a mighty fine estate  
Without a hint you deviate  
Cause you don t need to indicate  
At roundabouts will you turn left  
Or right or travel straight ahead  
I have to trust just in my fate  
Because you cannot indicate

Your car is painted formal grey  
The colour of the road in the light of day  
At times I can t discriminate  
Unless I see you indicate  
Are you just lazy is that the trick?  
Your driving style just makes us sick  
The way you drive to irritate  
Why can t you bloody indicate



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## Waiwhakaiho

### *Taranaki Singing Venture*

This is the story we bring  
Kōkōwai streams from the spring  
Is springing forth from underground  
So deep deep down without a sound  
Flowing down the mountain it's said  
Kōkōwai will turn the earth red

Kōkōwai high up in the mountain flowing water  
Kōkōwai deep down in the mountain sacred ochre

Kōkōwai will grow and grow  
To river Waiwhakaiho  
River pathways guide walkways  
Ancient roads follow rivers to the sea  
Can't stop a river have to let it flow  
Don't stop the river watch it grow

Standing our place of standing  
Turangawaewae, Turangawaewae  
Listen, we listen to the land responding to her needs  
We nurture and respect her

Keep the rivers alive they bring life-healing waters  
Help the rivers survive for our sons for our daughters  
We are guardians of the land keep the river clean for our children  
We are guardians of the land keep the river clean for them  
Keep the rivers alive keep the river clean  
Help the rivers survive spaces in between

He waka eke noa he waka eke noa  
Here we all are in the waka of peace  
All moving on the same path together  
Journeying far in the waka of peace  
Waiwhakaiho will nourish us forever  
He waka eke noa he waka eke noa



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## Where It s At

### *Taranaki Children s Choir*

We don't wanna sing about bad stuff  
We've already had enough of that  
This is not a song about bad stuff  
We're gonna tell you where it's at  
We just wanna sing about good stuff  
We can never have enough of that  
So this is a song is about good stuff  
We're gonna tell you where it's at

There will be no killing of kittens, bunnies or other pets  
Protect the pīwakawaka, tūī, kererū, and the ground birds  
Care for our rivers and the oceans  
It's those we should be preserving  
Bigger mountains cleaner waters  
It's what we're all deserving

More spelling but no more speeches when we're at school  
We need time to learn but also time to play the fool  
No more bullies or fighting  
We need some kindness and candy  
If hot-dogs and sports were cheaper  
Then that would come in handy

Free cheese handed out to you on the street  
Free money delivered to you right by your feet  
Make it rain cute kittens  
Let the dogs off in the meadow  
We need more great sunsets  
And lots and lots of Lego





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## Taranaki Let's Sing

### *Everyone*

We join in song and unity  
Music lives in our community  
Constant and strong we find the pulse that's inside us  
Paths may be long but still the rhythms will guide us

Love in our heart it flows through the melody  
Each to their part combining in harmony  
People singing together share a heartbeat  
Synchronise breathing in time  
Riding a natural high on a wave of beat and rhyme  
Singing people bringing sound  
To everyone across the land

**Taranaki let's sing ko te Waiata**  
**Feel the love that we bring o te Aroha**  
**Taranaki let's sing our voices will grow**  
**Hear the joy we all bring kotahi tātou**

