



TE PUNA REO
O N G Ā K Ā K A N O

Ka hoki au ki te timatanga

Ka hoki au ki te timatanga / We return to the very beginning

Ko Io Matua Kore anake / To the time of Io-Matua-te-kore

Ko te pu, ko te weu, ko te more, ko te aka / At the seeds of all
creation

E takoto ana nga atua nei / Lie the gods-

Ko Papatuanuku / Papatuanuku; the earth mother

Ko Ranginui i waenganui tonu / Ranginui; the sky father

Ko a raua tamariki / In between them, their children

Ko Tane, Ko Tangaroa / Tanemahuta, Tangaroa

Tawhirimatea, Rongomatane / Tawhirimatea, Rongomatane

Haumietiketike, Tumatauenga / Haumietiketike, Tumatauenga

Ka tiwha te po / Trapped within the ages of darkness,

Ko te po nui, ko te po roa, ko te po uriuri / The many long, great
and enduring nights

Ko te po tangotango, ko te po kerekere / For almost eternity

Ka puta ka puta / Until the parents are separated

Ki te ao marama e / Birthing light into the world

Tihei mauri ora / With the breath- the sneeze - of life.

