

Te Pīwakawaka

E noho ana i te mahau o te hēte, ka kite ahau i te manu e roharoha ana ki roto. He pīwakawaka. E kōtiutiu ana i runga i toku mahunga ka eke ake te manu ki ngā heke. Ko taku urupare tuatahi ko te tinana. Ka rere ki roto i toku tinana katoa. Me whawhai, me rere rānei? Te pōuri. Te manakore. He hiahia nui ki te toro atu kōrero ai ki a ia hei pātai ki a ia kei te harikoa ia. Ka whakamātau ahau ki te whakaangaanga. Kei te rapu pea te manu i ngā pungawerewere iti hei kai. "Kia ora Māmā" ka mea ahau. Ka rūrūwai tonu ahau taku kōrero. Engari i ngā wā katoa ka mahia e au, mena he take.

Kua tekau ngā tau i tēnei marama mai i te rā i huri ai taku ao katoa. Ko te ahua kua waea te ora ki ngā wahanga e rua - i mua i tēnā, i muri i tēnei. I noho mātou ki tētahi whare iti - ā māua tamariki tokotoru me taku tuahine me tana whaiāipo. He iti te pīwakawaka i haere tonu mai ki roto i te kāinga. Ka taiatea ahau, i tipu ake au e mōhio ana ki ngā kōrero mō te pīwakawaka i tō whare. Ka kōrero mātou mō taua mea. Ka whakamātau ahau ki te kati i ngā kūaha me ngā matapihi katoa, ahakoa he wera, ēngari ka patopato ia ki ngā matapihi. Koiana te take i tino matakū ake ahau.

Nāwai rā, nāwai rā, i hiahia ahau ki te whakamanawa. He whakamaumahara e kore e pono ngā pakiwaitara. Ehara i te mea pūtaiao. Ka tangohia e au ngā whakaahua i runga i te moenga o taku tama e rima ana tau, ka tukuatu ki te Pukamata. I hiahia ahau kia kōrero mai ōku hoa kia kaua ahau e noho wawau. Kaua e whakapono ki ngā pakiwaitara tawhito. I kī ētahi ki ahau me pai ake taku mahi hōroi i toku kīhini. Ko ētahi i whakahangareka he 'tohu o te matapihi tuwhera.' Ko ētahi atu i kī mai me kōrero ahau ki tētahi kaumatua.

Kāore e roa i muri mai, ko te ahua o te pīwakawaka kei te kōmingo ake, ka tiripou mai ki toku māhunga ina tae atu au ki te kāinga. I timata taku tuahine ki te whakapono ki ahau he whanokē. I tētahi ata, ka tapakō te manu ki ahau i toku kihini. Ka oma ahau ki waho ka tioro.

Ka mōhio ahau kua hē tētahi - engari kāore au i mōhio i te aha. I whai wāhi ahau ki te tari takuta tamariki. Kāore au i whai wā ki te ngaro i taku taumauri. Ka haere tahi mai taku tuahine ki te awhina i taku pōtiki. Ko te rua karaka. I kī mai te takuta tamariki me noho ahau. Kei te rangirua te maharatanga inaianei, mō ana kupu, e pupuhi ana i ahau ōrite ki tētahi maripi tahu. Ka kī ahau "Kao. Ehara tēnā i taku tama." Ka whakamātau ahau ki te wehe atu. Ka mea ia "Kei te rongu koe i taku kōrero ki a koe?" "He mate horokiwa tō tama". Ka mahara ahau ki te tino mamae, engari kāore au e mahara ki ētahi atu kupu. Kāore au i mōhio he aha taku kōrero. Ka whakaaro au kua mōhio au inaianei he aha te pīwakawaka i tō mātou whare.

I muri i tērā, nō muri, ka tae mai ki te kāinga, i waea atu ahau ki a Māmā ka kōrero ki a ia te whakatau māuiui. Ka kaha ia ki ahau. Ka kī ia kei te haere wawe ia ki te takuta, ka tūmanako ka whiwhi ia i ngā kōrero pai atu i a mātou. E whā hāora i muri mai, ka waea mai tō māua tungane ki te kōrero mai he mate pukupuku a Māmā kua horapa ki tona ate. Kua tīmata te totohu ki roto. Ko te pīwakawaka he whakatūpato i a mātou mō ngā wiki kua tata atu tēnei rā.

I nohonoho mātou i tērā pō i muri i te haerenga atu o ngā tamariki ki te moenga. Ka inu waina mātou me te kata ki ngā mahi whakakata. Ka whakaaro au, kāore tētahi o mātou i whakapono i te pono o te moepapa. E waru ngā rā i muri mai, ko te rā whānau tuaono o taku tama. Kua oti te whakarite, no reira ka whakatau mātou ki te hui whakanui. Kei te kurutohitohi tonu te pīwakawaka i ahau e noho ana. Ka hiahia tāku tane ki te patu i a ia kia kore ai au e matakū. Kāore au i pai ki te patu i te aroākapa mai i te ao tukupū. Ka pōhēhē ia ki te mahere pai. Ka tāroretia ia i tētahi hao, ka maka i tētahi pākorokoro iti ki muri o te mārā. Kāore a Māmā i tae mai ki te hui. Kāore ia i te ora. Kāore mātou i kōrero ki tētahi i ngā mea e tupu ana. Ka hanga e ahau he keke tipua me te spiderman kei runga. Ka kakahu taku tama ki te kākahu superman. Ko te ahua katoa he moemoea. Me tiaki e au oku kānohi kei kaupare i te

manu iti e whakamātau ana ki te mawhiti i tana pākorokoro. Mā te whakamahara ki ahau mō te mea pono kāore i taea e au te whakaae.

Kāore te pīwakawaka i whakarere i a mātou i muri i tērā. Ka kōrero au ki taku tāne mō taua mea. "Ki tō whakaaro ka mate a Māmā?" Ka whakamaharatia e ia he pakiwaitara. He kōrero noa. I te matenga o tā mātou heihei tawhito, ka kī ia tērā pea te kōrero a te pīwakawaka i mua. I tētahi pō ka haere mai tētahi ruru, ka noho tahi me ia i te mahau māra. I te tāone, kei muri i te toa penehīni. Kāore anō mātou kia kite i tētahi huri noa i te kāinga i mua. Kua kore ia i te kaiwhakahāwea. E rua ngā rā i muri mai, ko maua i a Māmā whakarite mahere mō te panikeke i te rā i muri mai, ka mōhio ahau kōrero ai ki a ia e aroha ana ahau ki a ia i taku haerenga atu. I tino koa ahau i mahia na te mea hei utu mō te panikeke, ka waea mai mātou. Kua pono i te moepapa.

Whai muri i te hui mate, ka hoki mai au ki te kāinga, ka rapua e au tērā pīwakawaka. Mahue kē mai ana te matakū, inaianei kua tino ngaromia e au. Kua ngaro. Tekau tau i muri mai, ka haere tonu ahau rapu ai i a rātou. Ko te tūmanako ka kitea e au i te pīwakawaka me te matakū i te wā e kite ana ahau.

Kāore e taea e au te whakamarama atu ki a koe. Horekau he whakamāramatanga pūtaiao mō tenei. Engari ka taea e au te kī atu ki a koe, ki te whakaatu mai tētahi pīwakawaka ki a koe i tō whare, haere ki te awahi i tō whānau me te kī atu kei te aroha koe ki a rātou. Koiana te take, ka maruwehi ahau i te pīwakawaka.