

## He Kakano Ahau

Stan Walker

He kākano āhau  
I ruia mai i Rangiātea  
And I will never be lost  
I am a seed, born of greatness  
Descended from a line of chiefs  
He kākano āhau

Ki hea rā āu e hītekiteki ana  
Ka mau tonu i āhau ōku tikanga  
Tōku reo, tōku oho-oho  
Tōku reo, tōku māpihi maurea  
Tōku whakakai marihi  
My language is my strength  
An ornament of grace

Ka tū ana āhau  
Ka ūhia au e ōku tīpuna  
My pride I will show  
That you may know who I am  
I am a warrior, a survivor  
He mōrehu āhau

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