

Ka tangi tonu te ngakau  
Ka matautau te hinengaro mo nga wa o mua i noho  
tahi ai te tangata me ona rawa.  
I te rereketanga o te ao nei i nga mea katoa  
ka raruraru nga whakaaro o te tangata  
Ka tahuri ki Te Kaihanga, Te Kaiwhakawa, kia homai  
te maramatanga, te kaha me te rangimarie  
Kia hiwa ra, kia hiwa ra, kia hiwa ra!

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*A heart that sees and feels  
That stands between past and future  
Humanity once in balance with all nature  
But as awareness of the world increases  
We seek guidance and strength, serenity and peace  
Preserving that which is sacred  
For all generations to come  
Let us always turn to the Great Spirit above  
For guidance, wisdom and peace  
Be watchful, be alert, be on guard.*

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