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“Ngāti Ruawāhia” Tribal Mele Lyrics

NGĀTI RUAWĀHIA

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E Ngāti Ruawāhia (Ngāti Ruawāhia!), e Ngāti Ruawāhia
(Ngāti Ruawāhia!)

Hōkūle’a Tribe, Hōkūle’a Tribe

I ka ‘ale kai, ka ‘ale ‘ī, ka ‘ale moe, ka ‘ale o nā motu ē
*On the wave crest, the rising billows, the falling billows —
island waves*

E tū mai e tu’u tama i ka pola o ka wa’a kaulua
Stand, my son, on the deck of the canoe

Me ka hā nui, ka hā loa, ka hā ho’omau (te waka!)
*And draw a deep and full breath — the persistent breath
of life (the canoe!)*

E hātiro mai ‘oe ia’u nei, ia’u nei lā; e hātiro mai ‘oe ia’u nei,
ia’u nei lā

Keep a close eye on me — be watchful and vigilant

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