

E Pāpā Waiari

Waiata

E hine, hoki mai rā

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Taku nei mahi

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He tuku roimata

E auē, ka mate au

E hine hoki mai rā

Māku e kaute ō hīkoitanga

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This song is sung as part of Tī Rākau/Stick Game. This game consists of the rhythmic throwing and catching of sticks to and from each person. Each rākau/stick is about (30cm in length) and each person has two rākau. You need two or more people to play this game.

Oh darling girl return to me

My grief overwhelms me

All I've been doing

is shedding tears

Alas I will die

Oh darling girl return to me

I will count your footsteps

Alas I will die

Oh darling return to me

