

F (bar chords, or capo +3, play D, G, A)      Bb

Po ka-re-ka-re a - na nga wai o Wai-a - pu, Whi-ti  
a - tu ko - e hi - ne ma - ri - no a - na e.  
E hi - ne e (E hi - ne e - ) ho - ki mai ra, (ho - ki mai ra  
- ) Ka ma - te a - hau i te a - ro - ha e. (te a - ro - ha e)

Pökarekare ana  
ngä wai o Waiapu, <sup>1</sup>  
Whiti atu koe hine  
marino ana e.

They are agitated  
the waters of Waiapu,  
cross over girl  
'tis calm.

*E hine e*  
*hoki mai ra.*  
*Ka mate ahau* <sup>2</sup>  
*I te aroha e.*

*Oh girl*  
*return (to me),*  
*I could die*  
*of love (for you).*

Tuhituhi taku reta  
tuku atu taku ringi,  
Kia kite tö iwi  
raru raru ana e.

I have written my letter  
I have sent my ring,  
so that your people can see  
(that I am) troubled.

Whati whati taku pene <sup>3</sup>  
ka pau aku pepa,  
Ko taku aroha  
mau tonu ana e.

My pen is shattered,  
I have no more paper  
(But) my love  
is still steadfast.

E kore te aroha  
e maroke i te rä,  
Mäkükü tonu i  
aku roimata e.

(My) love will never  
be dried by the sun,  
It will be forever moistened  
by my tears.