

Taniwha Song

One day a taniwha Went swimming in the moana	<i>(Motion your hand across your body to imitate the waves of the sea)</i>
He whispered in my taringa Oh won't you come with me	<i>(Cup your hand behind your ear) (Use your index finger to beckon your child)</i>
There's such a lot to see	<i>(Cup your hands around your eyes, like binoculars)</i>
Underneath the deep blue sea	<i>(Motion your hand across your body to imitate the waves of the sea)</i>
But I said 'No, no, no, I have to go, go, go	<i>(Shake your head, march your feet)</i>
Although I know we could be friends	
My mother waits for me underneath the Kowhai tree	
Taniwha haere ra	<i>(Wave goodbye)</i>

GLOSSARY

Taniwha – Maori mythical monster

Moana – Sea

A Kowhai tree is native to New Zealand, with yellow flowers

Haere ra- Goodbye



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