

# TAURA TĀNGATA

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A family tree exists beyond a familiar look  
An ancestor tree lives through more than one sound  
A relative tree can smell past a fire into new life  
A generational tree tastes sweetest in its fruit  
A genealogical tree feels like family in all its shades

A rope made of flax will break  
A rope made of people will never break.

He taura harakeke ka kukumea ka whatia.  
He taura tangata ka kukumea pehea te roa e kore ngāmotu.