

# Matariki Hunga Nui

The Mother (Matariki Gathers Us)

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Moderato

♩ = c. 110

Soprano:  
Alto:

Tenor  
Bass

Piano

*8va*

*mf*

*con molta gioia*

5

S  
A

5

T  
B

*poco rit.*

**A** **Andantino**

*Solo: p*

1. So still was the dark-end

5

*(8va)*

*p*

*p*

10

S  
A

10

T  
B

*poco rit.*      *a tempo*      *poco rit.*      *a tempo*

morn, be - fore a - ny hint of dawn,

*Solo: mp*

Eve-ry tree, eve-ry bird, not a

10

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14 *rit.* **Tutti:** *mp* *a tempo*

S A And then up a-bove a sight: there

T B breeze, not a word rang through, rang through.

19 *mf*

S A gleamed through the wa - ning night a bough made of light, such a gar - land so bright it could

T B **Tutti:** *mf*

23 *rit.* *tempo primo*

S A turn a - ny crea - ture's eye: Nine trea - sures in the mor - ning sky!

T B

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4  
B

*p* tranquillo

S  
A

Solo: Ma - ta - ri - ki hu - nga nu - i! Ga - ther, laugh and cry! Nga ta - o - nga i te ra -

27

T  
B

Solo: *mp*

C

*con molta gioia*

S  
A

ngi! Nine trea - sures in the mor - ning sky! Ma - ta - ri - ki

32

T  
B

Tutti: *f*

S  
A

hu - nga nu - i! Ga - ther, laugh and cry! Nga ta - o - nga i te ra - ngi! Nine

36

T  
B

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*poco rit.*

*mp*

**D**

41

S A

41

T B

41

treasures in the morning sky!

2. Every eye near a-wake would be

*mf*

45

S A

45

T B

45

All that crawled, all that flew, all that

turned to each gem that through dark-ness burned,

*mf*

*mp* Aah - - -

49

S A

49

T B

49

lived, all that grew looked on as they shone

Aah - - - Aah In the in-di-go, si-lent sky. Each

*mp*

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S  
A

54 *mf*

heart sang a lul - la - by; an end to a year, to a smile, to a tear, cast-ing it all e - ver

T  
B

54 *mf*

S  
A

59 *poco rall.* **E** *a tempo*  
*con molta gioia*

high to Nine trea-sures in the mor - ning sky! Ma - ta - ri - ki

T  
B

59 *f*

S  
A

63 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

hu - nga nu - i! Ga - ther, laugh and cry! Nga ta-o-nga i te ra - ngi! Nine

T  
B

63

*poco rit.**poco meno mosso***F***mf*S  
A

68

treasures in the mor - ning sky! Whae - a me a - na ta - ma - ri - ki,

T  
B

68

treasures in the mor - ning sky! Whae - a me a - na ta - ma - ri - ki,

68

S  
A

72

*poco rit.* *a tempo*

*p*

watch - ing warm and wise. Mo - ther and her whā - nau, a won - der in the

72

S  
A

77

*ff* *rall.*

skies! Tā - whi - ri - mā - te - a to all gave us his eyes And

T  
B

77

*ff*

skies! Tā - whi - ri - mā - te - a to all gave us his eyes And

77

*meno mosso*

82 *mf*

S  
A  
T  
B

hung them all on Tā - ne high: nine trea-sures in the mor - ning sky!

*mf*

*mf*

**G** Andantino

86 *p*

S  
A  
T  
B

3.All here on Earth need-ing love shone through in the jewels a - bove From the

*p*

*pp sostenuto*

91 *Sopranos only:*

S  
A  
T  
B

sky to the ground, to the seas that sur - round, to the rains that sus - tain, Eve-ry

91 *Tenors only:*

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**H**

*cresc. poco a poco*

**Tutti:** *mp*

S A

tree from the great-est to the least, eve-ry breeze, eve-ry dream, eve-ry feast

Had a

T B

**Tutti:** *mp*

*p cresc. poco a poco*

S A

star look-ing on, e-ver frail, e-ver strong: the pro-mis-es of years gone by, Nine

T B

*mp*

*poco rall.*

**I** *a tempo*

S A

treas-ures in the morn-ing sky!

Ma - ta-ri - ki hu - nga nu - i! Ga - ther, laugh and

T B

*mf*



108

S  
A  
cry! Nga ta-o-nga i te ra - ngi! Nine trea-sures in the mor - ning

T  
B  
Solo: *mf*

112 *molto rall.* **J** **Larghetto** *con molta gioia*

S  
A  
sky! Tutti: *ff* Ma - ta - ri - ki hu - nga - nu - i!

T  
B  
Tutti: *ff*

115 Sop div:

S  
A  
Ga - ther, laugh and cry! Nga ta - o - nga i te ra -

T  
B

*molto rall.*

118

S  
A

ngi! Nine trea - sures in the mor - ning

T  
B

118

Tenor div:

118

120

S  
A

Allegro

molto rit

sky!

T  
B

120

120

*ff*

120