

Tupuānuku

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For Food Below

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Allegro con brio (c. 105)

A Verses:

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Piano

p 1.A cool - ing
mf 2.The leaves grow
mp 3.The year - ly

S
A

T
B

Piano

mf

sky in deep - er blue; Ha - e - re mai, Tu - pu - ā - nu - ku
red; light dap - ples through each mos - sy bed. Tu - pu - ā - nu - ku,
march of old and new, of ends and starts. Tu - pu - ā - nu - ku

S
A

T
B

Piano

poco rit.

ri - ses to burn for soon will the win - ter re - turn.
glist' - ning and bright, warm - ing the chill of the night.
dan - ces and hops, When ice falls in flakes and in drops.

B

S
A

mp

How chilled the air and long the dew and so pre - pare. Tu - pu - ā -
 The sun it heaves; No long - er new are yel - low leaves Tu - pu - ā -
 And in its glow, there's much to do and much to sow. Tu - pu - ā -

T
B

mp

11

mp

S
A

mf

nu - ku, bold and a - blaze, re - turn - ing to end sum - mer's
 nu - ku: in - fin - ite, old, bea - con and flame in the
 nu - ku's so - ils are spread For feast - ing in win - ter a -

T
B

15

C Chorus:

S
A

f

days. _____
 cold. _____ Near win - ter a - bounds so in - to the
 head. _____

T
B

18

21

S
A

grounds sow the kai for when dark is the sky. Crisp au - tumn de -

T
B

21

mp

24

S
A

scends, har - ves - ting ends, Ga - ther whā - nau and friends.

T
B

1, 2.

24

mf

27

S
A

friends! Ga - ther your whā - nau and friends!

T
B

3. **D**

27

molto rall.

30

S
A

Ga - ther your wha - nau and friends!

T
B

30

mf

Performance notes:

Feel free to make any verses solos. Use dynamics to add interest and variation to the verses.

Tupuānuku is the star associated with food grown under, and near to, the ground. After summer harvests, it is important to sow crops that can be harvested in winter, such as root vegetables and leafy greens, so that people have food (*kai*) in the winter. This lively song attempts to illustrate the busy times in autumn when families (*whānau*) prepare for colder months ahead.