

# I SAW A TANIWHA



I saw a taniwha,  
when swimming in the Waikato.  
He whispered sweetly in my taringa,  
"Won't you come along with me?  
There's such a lot to see,  
underneath the deep blue sea."

*Say: And what did I say?*

I said, "Oh no, no, no!  
I have to go, go, go,  
but may we always be good friends.  
My mother is waiting for me,  
underneath the kowhai tree.  
So taniwha, haere ra!"

*Say: Tahī, rua, toru, wha – hi!*

