## MAORI SONGS

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In remembrance of happy days spent at Whakarewarewa.

This book is dedicated to the well-known guides, Bella, Rangi, Ana, Mary, Eva, Eileen, Georgina, Millie, Minnie, Tina and all the other good people who make a visit to Rotorua such an unforgettable and joyous experience. With its lilting tunes and haunting melodies this souvenir book of Maori Songs will serve to keep ever fresh in your memory happy days spent among a most charming and delightful people.



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It is not easy to put a true translation of the Maori words into a good singable form, but I trust that our combined efforts will find a ready acceptance by those desirous of adding these delightful melodies to their repertoire.

Maori pronunciation is almost exactly as in Italian, as far as the vowels go, at least

a is ah

i is ee

o is oh

u is oo

The 'ng' sound is the nasal ending of song.

The 'wh' sound is almost an f, but do not let the bottom lip touch the teeth. ERNEST McKINLAY