

Proud to be a Kiwi by Phil Garland

All I came from Hawaiki far across the sea,
I sailed the first canoe to reach this sanctuary.
I'm a warrior, a chieftain, the mighty Kauri tree,
The spirit of Tane is watching over me.

M I'm Cook - a British captain, who sailed the seven seas,
I'm Gisborne, where the world's first sunrise can be seen.
A sealer and a whaler cast upon these shores,
I am the Fire-God speaking, when Ruapehu roars.

All Chorus

All For I'm proud to be a Kiwi, standing strong and tall,
The spirit of our Nation unites us one and all.
Let's join hands together and sing in harmony,
Our land - New Zealand, means all the world to me.

L I'm a settler and a pioneer, one of the pilgrim band,
I'm a farmer and a bushman, I helped to clear the land.
I am the snow-clad mountains, the mighty nor'west breeze,
I am the rugged valleys with the rivers running free.

M I'm Gabriel Read - a miner, and I discovered gold,
I'm shepherd James McKenzie, whose exploits will be told.
I'm Richard Pearse - inventor, the first man yet to fly,
An ANZAC at Gallipoli, whose memory never died.

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A I'm Slattery - The Shiner, my legend has begun,
I'm Hillary - a mountaineer, my race is never run.
I'm an All Black and I wear the Silver Fern with pride,
I'm Footrot Flats, whose story is known both far and wide.

L I'm a woman and a mother, a companion and a wife,
I'm a child of the future, bringing dreams to life.
A Poet and an author writing stories fresh and bold,
I am the Nation's Heritage, preserved for young and old.

All Chorus, repeat last line