

## Toku reo toku ohooho

Translation:

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Solo:

Fm Bb

Tōku reo, tōku ohooho

Fm Bb Eb Bb

Māpihi maurea, whakakai mārihi

Eb Bb Cm

\*Nei rā te kaupapa o te reo māori, ē

Fm Eb Bb

He taonga tuku iho nō ngā tīpuna

Eb Bb Cm

He pare kawakawa, he mea hirahira, ē

Fm Bb

Tōku reo, tōku ohooho

Fm Bb Eb Bb

Māpihi maurea, whakakai mārihi

Eb Bb Cm

Kōrerotia te reo I ngā wā katoa

Fm Eb Bb

Kia kore e rite ki te moa

Eb Bb Cm

Mana tangata, mana motuhake

Fm Bb

Tōku reo, tōku ohooho

Fm Bb Eb Bb

Māpihi maurea, whakakai mārihi (key change up semitone and repeat from \*)

Solo:

Tōku reo, tōku ohooho

Māpihi maurea, whakakai mārihi