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Ngā Waiata Tawhito o Ngāiterangi

The traditional waiata of Māori referred to important aspects of the Māori cultural practice and knowledge. They were not unlike the legal text books of Western learning. Keeping this in mind, this session will discuss two waiata tawhito of Ngāiterangi.

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