Rangi Topeora, of Ngāti Toa and Ngāti Raukawa, was born at Kawhia early in the nineteenth century, the niece of the great Ngāti Toa leader Te Rauparaha, and a sister of the warrior leader Te Rangihaeata. One of an estimated five to thirteen women to sign the Treaty of Waitangi, she remained an important leader figure among her people, a notable orator, famous composer of waiata and a woman of great strength. A beautiful self-portrait is contained in one of her waiata: e hira hoki au, i aku tūmanako, e kai nei te aroha – a notorious one, indeed, am I, because of my heart's desires, and so utterly consumed with love.

But for some reason, when the sun is shining in our lives, we rarely notice it. Indeed, most of us rarely appreciate a sunny day until we are confronted with a dreary one. There are those incredible individuals who give every relationship its due, love everyone as fully as they can be loved, treat each opportunity as the rare item that it is; they love deeply, live happily, and spread goodness and joy wherever they go. It is true, if we love one another, by this shall we be known - if we have love one to another. Kia pai tō wiki!