

Tihei Mauri Ora!

You're never alone

Whakarua i te hau e taea te karo; whakarua i te mate tē taea te karo

From nature's storms one may find shelter; from the storms of life there is no shelter.



Referred to as a 'leader of men' by his league team-mates, Puti Tipene (Steve) Watene (1910–1967) of Ngāti Maru and Te Arawa, was the first Māori to captain the NZ Rugby League side, and a Member of Parliament, representing Eastern Māori from 1963-1967. The former welfare officer whose election to become a MP broke the Ratana stranglehold on the Māori seats reminded many of the people he played with and helped, of Oscar Hammerstein's song "you'll never walk alone". He encouraged them to learn how to ride out successfully the fury of the storms of disappointments and failures that must come in life, but then to be ready to bask in the sunshine that is just as sure to follow.

Life has frequently been thought of in terms of a stormy journey. Everyone feels alone and beaten upon at sometime or other. Learn to emerge from each mauling with increased vigor and enthusiasm – there's always a silver lining. When life gives us an occasional 'kick in the pants' it is meant to keep you on your toes and get you ready for accomplishments. You can pretty well judge a person by how they handle the storms in life. Keep your head up high; and don't be afraid, you're never alone. Kia pai tō wiki!



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