

THE SONG COLLECTION — SONGS TRANSLATED INTO MĀORI (KĀI TAHU)

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Mirrors in the Tower

(Music: a spiritual-energy sound, a terrifying melody)

(Backing whisper: “I don’t want to see myself” / “Every hidden part”)

Shattered SelfVerse 1

I stand in the middle, turning slowly

The mirrors whisper, there is no way out

Cold glass, it trembles, it breaks

Every truth, every lie, every mistake left behind

Chorus

“I don’t want to see myself”

The pieces shatter, I scatter

The mirror words thunder deep in my heart

Bridge

Forty days, forty nights, I prayed

But the mirror revealed it—I cannot escape

The sorrow, the enlightenment, the cracks in my spirit

I wanted unity, but control slipped away

Shadow and LightVerse 1

Falcon feathers, glass-bright light

Two figures born from the night

A shadow whisper, a dazzling glow

Kairos fades away and releases them

Chorus

We can live as shadow, as light
We can be one, but not tonight
Split into two, standing in our places
Shadow and light—that is the human essence

Verse 2

Darkness calls, light answers back
Truth is seen in the broken skies
There is no perfect good, no escape
Unity is what we ourselves create

The TestVerse 1

Shadow on the left, light on the right
In the middle—turmoil, a painful war
What do you desire to stay for?
The mirror whispers to me

Chorus

This isn't what I want, yet I still want it
This is what I need—I choose the truth
Turmoil, error, but authentic to humanity

Bridge

The mirror cracks, the choice is made
Shadow and light—the price is paid
Kairos fades, yet the test remains
Desire and deep need, the chains of humankind

Ink TearsVerse 1

Ink falls from my eyes, black as night
I reach toward the glass, longing for light
They fear me more than anything—the shadow's curse
But I am the darkness; I will face the worst evil

Chorus

This isn't what I want, yet I still want it
I need the shadow—I am the deep womb
This is enough; I will carry the burden
I am the shadow; I will open the gate

Bridge

The mirror cracks, and my heart breaks too
Yet I will guide them through the darkened view
They long for light, but shadow is needed
I am the shadow—I will not fade

Radiant MirrorsVerse 1

Glass-bright light—I blind them with their own eyes
They love me, but they do not truly know
The shine is shallow; depth has been denied
I crave the shadow, and the tide as well

Chorus

This isn't what I want, yet I still want it
I need the light—I am the joy
This is enough; I will ignite the path
I am the light—I will not stray

Bridge

The mirror cracks, my desire blazes
Yet I will show them the dreams they've been given
They crave the shadow, but radiance is needed
I am the light—I will reveal

The Vow of Three — Final SongVerse 1 — Kairos

I walked through the mirrors, I broke the glass
I tried to flee from every fragment of my past
But shadow and light did not remain enemies to me
They are parts I must know in order to live

Verse 2 — Korovu

I carried the darkness, the weight and the fear
Ink in my heart—this is the cost of being here
Yet longing for light never diminished my wholeness
I am the night that guards your spirit

Verse 3 — Lūminara

I carried the radiance, the glow and the beauty
Yet light left alone is just an empty space
I needed the shadow to deepen my fire
I am the dawn that remembers your name

Chorus — All Three

We are the shadow, we are the light
We are the crack learning to be one again
Want and deep need—truth cannot be escaped
I am you, you are me, we are the three
We are the broken, we are the healed
We are the hidden things the mirrors revealed

There is no escape from the person we see

I am you, you are me—we are free

Bridge

The mirror cracks, the pieces settle into place

Darkness and light cross the horizon

Not one, not the other—but all that we are

A single constellation formed from every star within us

Final Chorus

We are the shadow, we are the light

We are the vow that lives through the long night

Desire and deep need—the law of humankind

I am you, you are me, we are the three

We are the broken, we are the whole

We are the echo resounding in the soul

No more division in what we must be

I am you, you are me—we are free