Tūtira Mai Ngā Iwi

Wi Huata wrote this song and taught it to his children whilst on a family gathering to Lake Tutira, north of Napier.

He was explaining how the iwi came together here to support each other. Later he used this song to promote unity among different cultures.

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Tūtira mai ngā iwi
                         Line up together, people
Tātou tātou e
                         All of us, all of us.
Tūtira mai ngā iwi
                         Stand in rows, people
В7
            E7
Tātou tātou e
                         All of us, all of us.
Whai-a te marama-tanga
                         Seek after knowledge
me te aroha - e ngā
                         and love of others -
iwi!
                         everybody!
                         Be really virtuous
Ki-a ko tapa-tahi,
Ki-a kotahi rā.
                         And stay united.
E7
                         All of us, all of us.
Tātou tātou e.
Sing it all a second time.
Then finish with...
           E7
                     Α
    - tou, tā - tou E!! All of us, all of us!!
Hi aue hei !!!
                         Hi aue hei !!!
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