

Mokopōpaki

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Little Dog Laughed

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Artists' Statement

We often talk about the night one winter, when, as quite small children, we were bundled into the back of the old, two tone *Holden Kingswood* and driven up the winding river road. We remember the way our aging but hard-working family station wagon slipped and slid around treacherous wet corners in the dark and how, without warning, a big full moon suddenly appeared from behind the clouds and shone straight through the long, mud-splashed side windows of the car, casting a soft silver shadow over us all. There in the comforting gloom, Dad carefully changed gear and urging our trustworthy, four-wheeled waka gently on, sang -

*Hei tira tira
te poti me te whira
te kau hūpeke te marama
katakata te kurī
ki tana mahi pai
ka oma te rīhi me te pune*

*Hey diddle diddle
the cat and the fiddle
the cow jumped over the moon
the little dog laughed
to see such fun
and the dish ran away with the spoon*

It was magic.

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