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## Level 1 Music 2024

91951 Shape music ideas to create an original  
composition

**EXEMPLAR**

**Excellence**

## Standard 1.4 – Composition 91951

### My brief for Composition:

You are to compose a short song for a young wahine getting a Moko-Kauae for her seventeenth birthday. Your music must portray an empowering but also calm atmosphere for her whilst she gets her Moko. The instruments you will use must be Acoustic guitar and Vocals. The structure must be ABA.

### My Score:

Nau mai haere mai ki te manawa raua ko te wairua

(Welcome to the heart and the soul)

Strumming pattern



Intro - Guitar only

Verse one -

Am7 Em

Pupuritia tō Māoritanga

Am7 Em

Kia rongo ai koe i te kaha

Am7 Em Am7 Em

Kei konei ō tīpuna e tauawhi nei i a koe

F E7

He taonga tō tā, kia rongo ai koe i te mauri

F                    G  
hei oranga tonutanga māhau

Verse two -

Am7            Em  
He Māori koe e hine,  
Am7                    Em  
nō Hawaiki, nō Rangiatea  
Am7                    Em  
Kia tirama mai koe o ātaahua,  
F                        E7  
He wairua muramura, e whitawhita.  
F                        G  
Kia mau ki to taukiriranga, ahakoa - vocal part

Am7 Em x 2

Back to verse one -

Am7            Em  
Pupurita tō Māoritanga  
Am7                    Em  
Kia rongo ai koe i te kaha

## English version

Verse 1 -

### About the moment

Embrace our culture, feel the strength.  
Your ancestors watch as this takes place.  
Your Moko-kauae is more than just ink, feel the pride as it's marked for life.

Verse 2-

### Who she is

your blood runs with maori your head to your feet.  
You shine bright, our young girl.  
Your spirit is a fire, warming your family around you.  
You are who you are, with or without the tattoo.

Verse 1-

### About the moment

Embrace our culture, feel the strength.

### **My Reflection on how the music was created:**

I composed a Waiata for a young wahine who is getting a moko-kauae because I think it would be beautiful for a waiata to be played as she gets the tattoo. I used ABA structure so the waiata would be easy and simple to compose. In my song I used the falling motion to make my composition more of a calming and soothing tone and rhythm. But I also wanted

my song to be empowering so my strumming was loud and clear. My strumming pattern was the same strum all throughout the song because it's common for waiatas and maori songs to have the same strumming patterns and it makes the song simple not complex. At the start of my verse 2 I had done a big pause when my aunty sang the lyrics "He Maori koe, he hine" to bring out the lyrics which are saying to the young wahine that she is Maori inside and out. her blood runs with mana and that she should feel it in her veins. In my song I used the chords Am7, Em, E7, F and G. for Am7, Em and E7 ; I used those particular chords for a low sound coming from the guitar. It made the song more calm, flowy and soft. with F and G i used those chords to make the song more empowering when the verses came to an end. The ending of the first two lines of my verse one. "Pupurita tō Māoritanga. Kia rongoi ai koe i te kaha" which means "Embrace the culture, Feel the strength" it had a soft and sweet ending and I liked that it was nice and short to leave a message to the wahine to embrace her Maori side and to feel the strength within.

## Excellence

**Subject:** Music

**Standard:** 91951

**Total score:** 08

Q	Grade score	Marker commentary
One	E8	<p>The candidate used a prompt to compose a waiata for a young wahine as she gets a Moko-Kauae. The waiata is sung by a family member and in the video there is evidence that the candidate, playing guitar, is leading. Musical ideas have been effectively connected to the candidate's creative intention of composing music that will support and sustain someone as they receives their moko. The candidate clearly describes their creative processes, explaining and justifying the choices she has made, including the importance of simplicity. There is evidence of very secure stylistic and cultural knowledge. The accurate chord chart includes a strumming pattern and in combination with the video, would easily allow others to perform it. The waiata has a beautiful melodic line, effectively expressing powerful lyrics over a secure harmonic progression.</p>