

# Guardians of Papatūānuku

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Recorded and performed by Loopy Tunes Preschool Music, with Ana Faau,  
and taonga puoro musician, Ruby Solly and chorus of eight tamariki

## **CHORUS**

*We are kaitiaki of Papatūānuku  
The guardians of Mother Earth, our whenua  
She's our gift bestowed upon us from Atua  
She's our mana, she's our ihi, she's our hā*

She gives us trees that help us breathe  
Hā ki roto, hā ki waho  
Trees in the forests and jungles, too  
There are trees that give us food  
They're our huarākau  
And trees with ngā putiputi, too

## **CHORUS**

She's our mountain, she's our valleys  
She's our desert and our countryside  
She holds our awa and our moana  
She gives us food within the earth  
It's our huawhenua  
She's our Mother Earth, Papatūānuku

## **CHORUS**

*Nā Te Kore, ko Te Pō  
Nā Te Pō, ko Te Ao Mārama  
Ko Ranginui kei runga  
Ko Papatūānuku kei raro      x2*

*Ko Papatūānuku kei raro*

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