

THE POHUTUKAWA TREE

Soprano/Alto

Tenor/Bass

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1 There's a tree that grows from God's good earth
 In this land of the southern sea,
 And it flow'rs at the time of our Saviour's birth –
 The Pohutukawa tree.

Chorus :
The Pohutukawa tree,
The Pohutukawa tree,
To remind us of Christmas the good Lord sent
The Pohutukawa tree.

2 When Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem
 There was nobody here to see
 The shores glowing red with the blossom of
 The Pohutukawa tree.

Chorus

3 As God in Jesus as a man was born
 To save us and set us free
 There stood in the glory of a summer's morn
 The Pohutukawa tree.

Chorus

4 When the first men came in their great canoes
 From their home in Hawaiki,
 They could not know it was God's good news –
 The Pohutukawa tree.

Chorus

5 Now the Gospel of Jesus has reached this land,
 And at His nativity
 His glory's told by His people – and
 The Pohutukawa tree.

Chorus

6 So nature heralds the remembering
 Of His great anniversary
 With the royal red banners of our glorious King –
 The Pohutukawa tree.

Chorus