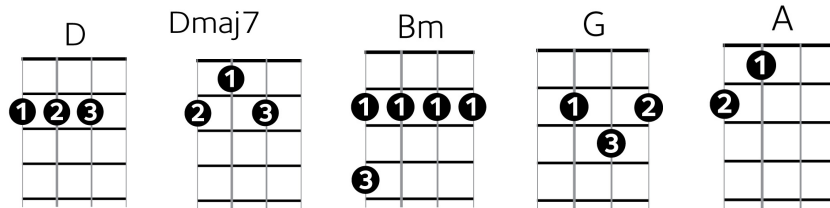


Big Aroha

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D Dmaj7
Well my friend Jeff said, It would be awesome as
Bm G A
if everyone spoke in one tongue ow fulla bey

D Dmaj7
I said you're right Jeff, It would be awesome as
Bm G A
if everyone spoke in one tongue ow fulla bey

D G D G
Bey Bey Bey-Bey Bey Ba Bey Yay Yay Ba Bey-Bey Bey

Instrumental

D Dmaj7 Bm G A D

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Well my Tinana and your Wairua come together in our Manaakitanga

D Dmaj7 Bm G A
And all your Iwi and all that we be is what the Māori call the Kotahitanga

D Dmaj7
And Jeff's friend Lui from Urenui

Bm G A
knew he knew the secret to the Kotahitanga

D Dmaj7
It's you and me bro and our Korero

Bm G A
Our Tamariki are the hope for the future

D G D G
Te hei Mauri Ora, Te hei Mauri Ora

Bm A G A D A G
Why would you sing in days like these, a waiata of love

Instrumental

D Dmaj7 Bm G A

D Dmaj7 Bm G A

D Dmaj7
And then nek minute you won't believe it

Bm G A
everybody spoke in one tongue ow fulla bey

D Dmaj7 Bm G A
And all that we see, and all that we be come together in the Tahī Tiriti

D G D G
Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh A Woh Woh Oh woh Waitangi

D Dmaj7 Bm G A
Big Aroha, that is my Tikanga I learnt Te Reo from a Māori at the dairy
Repeat last line lots

Big Aroha	big-heartedness.	My tinana	my personality
My tikanga	my usual way of doing things.	Your wairua	your spirit
Te Reo	literally "the voice," short for Te Reo Māori, the Maori language.	Manaakitanga	mana-aki-tanga or "prestige-inducing-process" of showing respect, generosity and care for others. Pronounce it man'-aki-tanga
A Māori	A native New Zealander.	Your iwi	your tribe
The dairy	the local convenience food shop where all the community mingle.	Kotahitanga	ko-tahi-tanga, "being-one-process", unity.
Bro	slang, my brother	Our korero	Our discussions (about what is important in life.)
Awesome as	slang, As wonderful as it could possibly be.	Our tamariki	tama-riki, "boys-little" - our young children.
"Ow fulla"	slang, Eh, mate? Wouldn't it, my friend?	Tihei mauri ora!	Sneeze out - the vital essence - of life!
Bay	slang for wonderful, just as a pretty young woman or "babe" is wonderful.	A waiata	a song
Nek minnit	slang, next minute.	Tahi Tiriti o Waitangi	The one Treaty of Waitangi, signed in 1842 between British colonists and Maori leaders. It has only one principle, "He iwi tahi tatou" - We are now one people.