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The forest is a great green whare.
The tūī sings within its walls.
His waiata can be heard afar,
the trickiest of calls.

Head upturned, throat bobbing,
he opens up his beak.
Out pours his clever sounds,
craaack-craw, click, creak, tweet, tweet.

Whakarongo to this manu,
the master of mimicry.
Was that a bell, cellphone, or bird
high in the pūriri tree?

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