

BUTTERFLY SONGS

A New Zealand butterfly song, written by the late Dr Hirini Melbourne can be found, complete with music on <http://folksong.org.nz/purerehua/>. It also comes with a string game or 'whai', a simple string-figure-making game for beginners. The waiata was sung while making it.

More information about the late Dr Hirini Melbourne can be found at:
<http://folksong.org.nz/tihore/index.html#Hir>

With the kind permission of John Archer, owner of the website, the lyrics are repeated here:

1. Ka tau, ka tau
Runga pūāwai
Ka whānauhua
A pūrerehua.
Katahi, ka rua
Ka toru, ka wha
Ka rü, ka rë
Ka puta e whā whë
2. Ka kai, ka kai
Ka pau ngā rau
Ka huri ngā whë
Hei tūngoungou
Ka pata ki waho
He üpoko nui
He waewae roa
He parikau pakipaki
Rü rü rü rü ru ru rë

Chorus
*Pūrerehua
rere runga hau
Papaki parirau
Rere runga hau
Rere runga hau
Papaki parirau
Rere runga hau
Pūrerehu--a
Rere runga hau
Pūrerehu---a*

1. It lands
On a flower
To lay its eggs,
this butterfly.
One, two,
Three, four:
They shake and quiver,
Out pops four caterpillars
2. They eat and eat,
Every leaf consumed.
The caterpillars
Become pupae.
Out pops
A head,
A long bandy leg,
Fluttering wings,
Flitter, flutter, flap.

Chorus
*Butterfly
carried on the wind
Fluttering its wings
carried on the wind
carried on the wind
Fluttering its wings
carried on the wind
Butterfly ...
carried on the wind
Butterfly ...*

Pūrerehua

as performed by Dr. Hirini Melbourne

Chorus

<i>D</i>	Pūrerehua	Butterfly
<i>G</i> <i>D</i>	rere runga hau	carried on the wind.
	Papaki parihau	Fluttering its wings
<i>G</i> <i>D</i>	Rere runga hau	on the wind
	Ka piki, ka piki	Up and up
	Runga rawa e	Way up high
	Papaki parihau	Fluttering its wings
<i>G</i> <i>D</i>	Rere runga hau.	on the wind

Verse 1

<i>Em</i> <i>D</i>	Ka tau, ka tau	It lands
<i>Em</i> <i>D</i>	Runga pūāwai	On a flower
<i>Em</i> <i>D</i>	Ka whānauhua	To lay its eggs,
<i>Em</i> <i>D</i>	A pūrerehua.	this butterfly.
<i>Em</i> <i>D</i>	Katahi, ka rua	One, two,
<i>Em</i> <i>D</i>	Ka toru, ka wha	Three, four:
<i>Em</i> <i>Em</i>	Ka rü, ka rē	They shake and quiver,
<i>Em</i> <i>D</i>	Ka puta e whā whē	Out pops four caterpillars

Chorus

Verse 2

	Ka kai, ka kai	They eat and eat,
	Ka pau ngā rau	Every leaf consumed.
	Ka huri ngā whē	The caterpillars
	Hei tūngoungou	Become pupae.
	Ka tahi, ka rua	One, two,
	Ka toru, ka wha	Three, four

Chorus

Verse 3

Ka huri takaweri
Ka tūngoungou
Ka puta ki waho
He ūpoko nui
He waewae roa
He parihau pakipaki
Rū rū rū rū re re rē re
Ru ru ru ru e

They quiver and change
From a pupae.
Out pops
A head,
A long bandy leg,
Fluttering wings,
Flitter, flutter, flap.

Chorus

End refrain

D

Pūrerehu--a
Rere runga hau
Pūrerehu---a
Rere runga hau

Butterfly . . .
carried on the wind
Butterfly . . .
carried on the wind

Dolly Parton wrote and performs '[Love is Like a Butterfly](#)'

Love is like a butterfly
As soft and gentle as a sigh
The multicoloured moods of love
are like its satin wings
Love makes your heart feel strange inside
It flutters like soft wings in flight
Love is like a butterfly,
a rare and gentle thing

I feel it when you're with me
It happens when you kiss me
That rare and gentle feeling
that I feel inside
Your touch is soft and gentle
Your kiss is warm and tender
Whenever I am with you
I think of butterflies

Love is like a butterfly
The multicoloured moods of love
are like its satin wings
Love makes your heart feel strange inside
It flutters like soft wings in flight
Love is like a butterfly,
a rare and gentle thing

Your laughter brings me sunshine
Every day is springtime
And I am only happy
when you are by my side
How precious is this love we share
How very precious, sweet and rare
Together we belong like
daffodils and butterflies

Love is like a butterfly
As soft and gentle as a sigh
The multicoloured moods of love
are like its satin wings
Love makes your heart feel strange inside
It flutters like soft wings in flight
Love is like a butterfly,
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Love is like a butterfly,
a rare and gentle thing

Butterfly Kisses

There's two things I know for sure
She was sent here from heaven
And she's Daddy's little girl
As I drop to my knees by her bed at night
She talks to Jesus and I close my eyes
And I thank God for all of the joy in my life
But most of all, for...

Butterfly kisses after bedtime prayer
Stickin' little white flowers all up in her hair
"Walk beside the pony, Daddy,
It's my first ride."
"I know the cake looks funny, Daddy
But I sure tried."
Oh with all that I've done wrong
I must have done something right
To deserve a hug every mornin'
And butterfly kisses at night

Sweet sixteen today
She's lookin' like her momma
A little more every day
One part woman
The other part girl
To perfume and make up,
From ribbons and curls,
Trying her wings out in a great big world
But I remember ...

Butterfly kisses after bedtime prayer
Stickin' little white flowers all up in her hair
"You know how much I love you, Daddy
But if you don't mind,
I'm only gonna kiss you on the cheek this
time."

Oh with all that I've done wrong
I must have done something right
To deserve her love every mornin'
And butterfly kisses at night

All the precious time
Like the wind, the years go by
Precious butterfly
Spread your wings and fly

She'll change her name today
She'll make a promise and I'll give her away,
Standing in the bride room, just starin' at her
She asked me what I'm thinkin'
And I said, "I'm not sure,
I just feel like I'm losin' my baby girl."
And she leaned over... and gave me...

Butterfly kisses, with her mama there
Stickin' little white flowers all up in her hair
"Walk me down the aisle, Daddy."
"It's just about time."
"Does my wedding gown look pretty, Daddy?
Daddy, don't cry
Oh with all that I've done wrong,
I must have done something right
To deserve her love every mornin' and
butterfly kisses
I couldn't ask God for more, man, this is what
love is,
I know I've got to let her go, but I'll always
remember
Every hug in the mornin' and butterfly
kisses...

CATERPILLAR SONG (to the tune of Skip to My Lou)

Tiny egg on a leaf, tiny egg on a leaf, tiny egg on a leaf,
Out comes caterpillar.
Caterpillar oh, so stripey. Caterpillar oh, so stripey, Caterpillar oh, so stripey,
Eating green leaves today.
Caterpillar's making a chrysalis, repeat twice, For two weeks she's sleeping.
Caterpillar's waking up, (repeat twice), Out of her chrysalis she comes.
Caterpillar's grown some wings, (repeat twice),
Now she's a butterfly.
Butterfly on my flowers. (repeat twice),

Now she's got a boyfriend. (Start over and over!)

HOW MANY LEGS? (to tune of the Muffin Man)

Oh, do you know how many legs, how many legs, how many legs,
Do you know how many legs a butterfly has? (Count up to SIX)
Oh, do you know how many wings... (Count up to FOUR)
Oh, do you know how many eyes... (Count up to TWO)
Oh, do you know how many tongues... (ONLY ONE — Stick your tongue way out!)

BUTTERFLIES ARE FLYING SOUTH (to tune of Merrily We Roll Along)

Butterflies are flying south, flying south, flying south,
Butterflies are flying south, every morning.

Every morning they fly further, they fly further, they fly further,
Every morning they fly further, till they're in Mexico.

In Mexico they spend the winter, spend the winter, spend the winter.
In Mexico they spend the winter, until the Spring comes again.

When Spring arrives, then, they fly north, they fly north, they fly north,
When Spring arrives, then, they fly north, and lay lots of eggs.

Caterpillars hatch from the eggs, from the eggs, hatch from the eggs.
Caterpillars hatch from the eggs and make more butterflies.

THE MONARCH FLEW OVER THE MOUNTAIN

The Monarch flew over the mountain, Repeat twice
And what do you think she saw?
She saw many Monarchs flying, Repeat twice
And what do you think she did?
She flew with the other Monarchs.
Repeat twice
And what do you think she did?
She flew all the way to Mexico
Repeat twice.
And what do you think she did?
SHE WENT TO SLEEP!

Fuzzy Wuzzy Caterpillar Song

Verse 1

Fuzzy Wuzzy caterpillar humps along, humps along, humps along
(make right index finger' hump' along left arm)

Fuzzy Wuzzy caterpillar humps along

Out to see the world
(extend arms in a circular motion)

Verse 2

Fuzzy Wuzzy caterpillar goes to sleep, goes to sleep, goes to sleep
(pretend to go to sleep)

Fuzzy Wuzzy caterpillar goes to sleep

In his warm pupa
(make chrysalis shape with hands)

Verse 3

One day he'll be a beautiful butterfly, butterfly, butterfly,
(flap arms and move like a butterfly)

One day he'll be a beautiful butterfly.

Out to see the world
(extend arms in a circular motion)