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HEARTLAND, KING COUNTRY

THIS IS A COUNTRY
BEYOND THE MEANS OF TIME TO A STRANGER,
TO KNOW IT YOU ARE BORN.

FROM A TABLE TOP MOUNTAIN
TO THE JOINING OF RIVERS
LIES THE HEART OF THIS LAND THAT
GIVES US OUR SOUL.

WHISPER QUIETLY OUR IDENTITY,
CREATE OUR SPARK AND OUR SHINE.
HEARTLAND, KING COUNTRY,
I LOVE YOU FOR ALL OF MY TIME.

WANDER DOWN FROM OUR MOUNTAINS
COME THROUGH OUR TREES,
TO OUR RIVER SIDE WATERS THAT WILL
PUT YOU AT EASE.

ALWAYS THOUGHTFUL AND BROODING
THE CLOSENESS OF OUR HIGH LAND,
A GRIP OF REALITY THAT EFFECTS BOTH
WOMAN AND MAN.

WELCOME, COME AGAIN STRANGER
AND AS YOU PASS THROUGH,
CENTRE YOUR SOUL WITHIN THE HEART OF OUR LAND
AND FEEL THE FOUR WINDS OF OUR UNLOCKED
MEMORY, BLOW.

TAUMARUNUI

HEART OF THE KING COUNTRY

AT THE TURN OF THE 19TH CENTURY A LARGE, BEAUTIFUL, WILD, ISOLATED AREA OCCUPIED THE CENTRAL WESTERN REGION OF NEW ZEALAND'S NORTH ISLAND.

THE MAP OF 1894 (SHOWN ON THIS STONE) BECAME THE OFFICIAL BOUNDARY OF THE KING COUNTRY.

THE TOP HAT ON THE CREST OF THIS STONE WAS THE RECOGNIZED SYMBOL OF GUARDIANSHIP FOR THIS AREA.

TAUMARUNUI,
SITUATED AT THE JUNCTION OF THE ONGARUE AND WHANGANUI RIVERS, SOON BECAME KNOWN BY THE BOAT TRAVELLERS INTO THIS AREA AS
THE HEART OF THE KING COUNTRY

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