

WANGANUI WELCOME

Breasting hills, curved descent,

Smooth and easy, somnolent.

Spiral railway, poplar gold.

Ruapehu clouds on snow.

Slatted beams, palm-ferned scenes,

Muddy landslide, worn out dreams,

Winding, falling, journey spent.

Wangaui Settlement.

Greeting, meeting, nature's grove,

Peace-walled silence, smiles and love.

Inreach, outreach, outward bounded.

Spirit centred, George Fox founded.

Maori legends, deep respect.

Grow together, nature decked.

Oil refined, eczema risk.

Typhoon damage, soil sun-kissed.

Winding, rising, swollen courses.

Pyramidhills worn to gorges.

Coastal heaven, tarmac ribbon,

Limestone caves, streams sea-bidden.

Miles and miles of 'wowing' views.

Taranaki, shrouded, looms.

Dripping tunnels all rock-hewn.

Knife-edged ridges, silt-full rivers,

Sheer side wooded, driftwood littered,

Sunset glory, seated sorely,

Naked bus ends nine hour story.