

## “Ko Te Tauaarangi” – “Warriors of the Sky”

*Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi  
Engari he toa takitini!*

*My successes are not of my own doing alone  
but of the efforts of many!*

**Ldr:**  
*Torona kei waho!*

**Ldr:**  
*Prepare!*

**All:**  
*Kei waho!*

**All:**  
*Prepare!*

**Ldr:**  
*Ko wai mātou?*

**Ldr:**  
*Who are we?*

**All:**  
Ko te Tauaarangi o ngā hau e wha  
i te rohe o Ranginui  
Nā ngā tūpuna ngā pūtake i whakatakoto  
Ko te Tauaarangi!  
Kaua e wareware, hāpai te take  
Hikina te mānuka!

**All:**  
We are Air Force of the four winds,  
Of the realm of Ranginui (Sky Father)  
Through our forebears our foundations were  
laid. We are Air Force!  
Never forget them, carry on where they left  
off. Take up the challenge before us!

**Ldr:**  
*Me pēhea te whakatūtuki?*

**Ldr:**  
*How is this to be done?*

**All:**  
Ka kōkiri ake ngā taituara painga o  
Aotearoa i te ngāiotanga,  
Te mana tangata me te ngātahi e  
I a ha!  
Whaia te hīranga!  
Mā te arawhata ki ngā whetu!  
Aue hī  
\*\*Aue ha!

**All:**  
We will advance New Zealand’s security  
interests with Professionalism, with Integrity  
and with Teamwork  
I a ha!  
Strive for excellence in all we do!  
“Per Ardua Ad Astra!”  
(Through struggle to the stars)  
Aue hī \*\* Aue ha!

**NOTE:** This haka belongs to ALL our Air Force Iwi, uniformed, civilian, men, women, Maori and non-Maori alike. It is the legacy of our forebears. It pays homage to those that came before us and is a beacon for those yet to follow. It differentiates us from all others and all other Nations. Perform it with pride and treat it with respect.