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***We Wish You a Kiwi Christmas* – Lynette Evans**

illustrated by **Myles Lawford**

musical recording and arrangement by **Pio Terei**

Maori lyrics by **Ngaere Roberts**

Publisher: Scholastic New Zealand

This book should be in the home of every young Kiwi and in every Junior classroom. The lyrics are fun and the full-page illustrations add to the story. This will surely become a classic version of this well-known song. With poor Santa unable to coax his reindeer to continue with his deliveries, Kiwi offers assistance:

“No worries, dear Santa”

Kiwi said in reply.

*“I’ve plenty of friends
who can fly far and high.*

*“We’ll soon have you zooming
up, up and away,
delivering your presents -
there’ll be no delay!”*

The not-so-young will soon catch on to the catchy chorus and sing along to the Kiwi version with their youngsters:

*We wish you a Kiwi Christmas,
a sweet-as Kiwi Christmas,
a cracker Kiwi Christmas,
and a Ka Pai new year!*

With CD attached, and the words in both English and Maori, this book is a winner.

Reviewed by Chris Wright

