

Treaty of Waitangi Rap

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Now, this is a story all about how...
Wai-tangi Day came all about
Now I'd like to take a minute just sit or stand
I'll tell you how the deed was signed to allocate land.

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On the 6th of February, written and signed
1840 was, the year of the time
Maori chiefs met with James Busby
To sign the now-famous Waitangi treaty.
But there was a problem because of translation
And this caused a stir in our lovely nation.
There was an English and Māori version
People weren't happy and it caused confusion.

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It was discovered not everyone signed
It got people thinking, does this truly bind?
Do we follow the rules? We don't understand.
Then they thought 'nah forget it, let's fight for our land!'

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Well, 1843 was the start of the wars
29 years fighting for their cause
Māori and Pakeha, couldn't agree
This is the stuff we still see on TV

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So, let's take notice and learn from the past
And make peace, in this nation last
Communicate clearly and listen to friends
And then the aroha will never end.

