



When The Spirit Of The Nation

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1. When the spir - it of the na - tion is not root - ed in the soil _____ Where
 2. When the cul - ture of a peo - ple is di - vorced from its own tongue, _____ When
 3. For a cul - ture reach - es fur - ther Than the pres - ent joys and tears; _____ A
 4. In the lan - guage of the Māo - ri Dwells the ca - dence of this land, _____ The

peo - ple love and play, Where peo - ple strive and toil, Then
 lan - guage from the past Is nei - ther used nor sung, Then
 cul - ture is the shape Of an - cient hopes and fears, And
 surge of moun - tain stream, The whis - per of the sand En -

like a tree that's felled By fear - some Nor' - west gale, It will
 like a tree that's felled By fear - some Sou' - west gale, It will
 with no na - tive tongue And all that it en - shrines, It will
 shrin - ing soil and sea With - in its sa - cred sounds For us

Unison

die, _____ it will die.
 die, _____ it will die.
 die, _____ it will die.
 all, _____ for us all.