

# Sixth Sense



grrrr  
what is this  
i hear in my ear  
voices I've not heard before  
a strange tongue  
death and war  
in the winds of time  
te ao hurihuri  
the world turns  
what is this  
sailing towards me  
across the sea  
i stand on the shore  
i am unsure  
i am Te Kurī a Pawa

*Apirana Taylor*

*Note:* Pawa was a Ngāti Porou explorer. His name can also be spelt Paoa.

“6th Sense” is one of four paintings by Steve Gibbs that feature in “A Hoe!”  
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The paintings are about the first meeting between Māori and Europeans,  
which took place at Turanganui-a-Kiwa/Gisborne in 1769.  
This poem is Apirana Taylor’s response to the painting.

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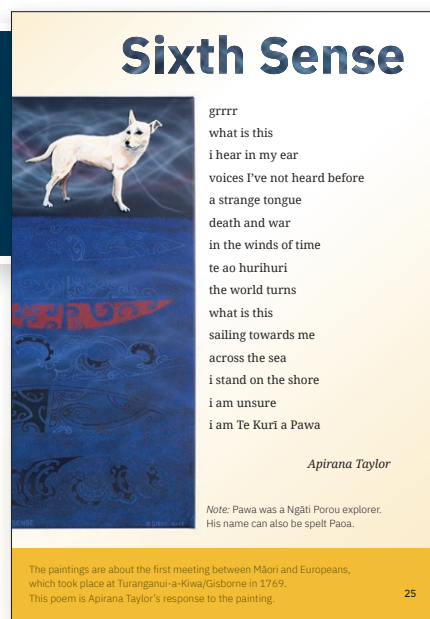
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