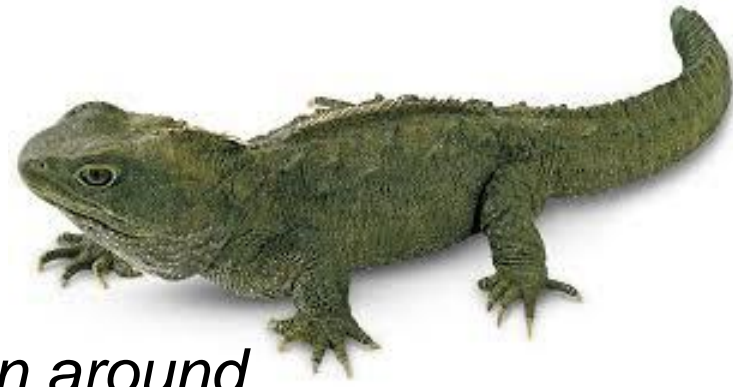


TUATARA SONG

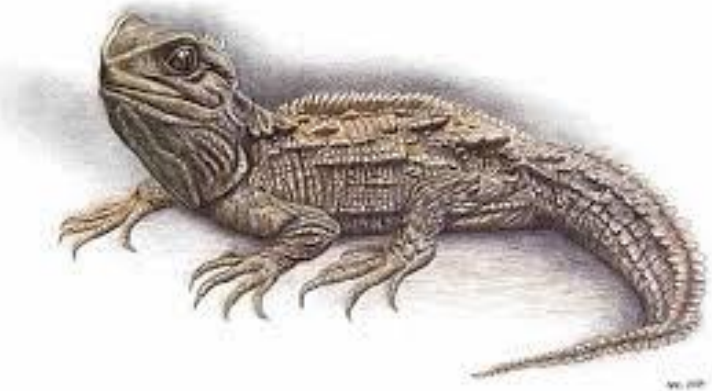
*Tuatara, Tuatara, Tuatara, Two...
Two hundred million years you've been around.
Tuatara, Tuatara, Tuatara, True
Truly only in New Zealand you are found.*



Don't be offended if we call you dinosaur,
You're the last surviving creature of your kind.
You're so ancient you're a fossil, a living fossil's special.
You are old, maybe grumpy, we don't mind.....

Tuatara may be old but their blood runs cold.
They are reptiles from the Mesozoic Era.
From his egg to fresh air, may nearly take a year.
In two hundred he may measure near a metre.

*Tuatara Tuatara Tuatara Two
Two hundred million years you've been around
Tuatara Tuatara Tuatara True
Truly only in New Zealand you are found.*



Don't call him lizard, though he looks a bit the same,
Tuatara goes back more than crocodiles.

Tuatara rocks, coloured brown and grey and green.
Amongst the rocks he hides for quite a while....

Most creatures have a pair, tuatara has a trio
Of eyes, although one can barely see.

It will tell him night and day, but I really like the way
That the other two can focus separately.

Tuatara Tuatara Tuatara Two

Two hundred million years you've been around

Tuatara Tuatara Tuatara True

Truly only in New Zealand you are found.



You've got spines on your back, that's how you got your name.
You can grow another tail if required.
You are kaitiaki, keeper of the knowledge and a sleeper
In the day, but by moonlight you're inspired.



*Tuatara Tuatara Tuatara Two
Two hundred million years you've been around
Tuatara Tuatara Tuatara True
Truly Aotearoa's where your found.*