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Exploring her ancestral roots – Orkney Islands, Scotland, Wales and England – she also reflects on what it means to be Pākehā supporting Te Tiriti o Waitangi in Aotearoa. Nicola lives on the Kāpiti Coast with her family. This is her second collection of poetry.

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From the Orkney Islands to Coastlands shopping mall, *Working the tang* is liberally seasoned with salt and spit, kelp and wrack, and the creatures who live within coo-ee of the sea.

Nicola Easthope writes of the ghosts of her British ancestors, and the ocean between them and the life she lives in Aotearoa New Zealand, where people tweet and spat, go camping and kitesurfing, and freewheel the shore on TradeMe roller skates.

And David Bowie is here too!

Tangi | Tang | Tangi | Tang

*Dinner is served
on a spit of salted land.*

*Our company in tongues—
hear us singing! The tip*

*of the fork faces into
the knife, and the air*

*is on point. Life stirs
in kelp and wrack*

on the rocks above low tide.



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