

BRINGING THE RAIN TO KAPITI PLAIN

Narrator 1: This is the great Kapiti Plain,
All fresh and green from the African rain---
A sea of grass for the ground birds to nest in,
And patches of shade for the creatures to rest in;
With acacia trees for giraffes to browse on,
And grass for the herdsmen to pasture their cows on.

Narrator 2: But one year the rains were so very belated,
That all of the big wild creatures migrated.
Then Ki-pat helped to end that terrible drought---
And this story tells how it all came about!

Cloud: I am the cloud, all heavy with rain,
That shadowed the ground on Kapiti Plain.

Grass: I am the grass, all brown and dead,
That needed the rain from the cloud overhead---

Cloud: The big, black cloud, all heavy with rain,
That shadowed the ground on Kapiti Plain.

Cows: We are the cows, all hungry and dry,
Who mooed for the rain to fall from the sky.

Grass: To green-up the grass, all brown and dead,
That needed the rain from the cloud overhead---

Cloud: The big, black cloud, all heavy with rain,
That shadowed the ground on Kapiti Plain.

Ki-Pat: I am Ki-pat, who watched my herd,
As I stood on one leg, like the big stork bird.

Cows: We are his cows so hungry and dry,
We mooed for the rain to fall from the sky.

Grass: To green-up the grass, all brown and dead,
That needed the rain from the cloud overhead---

Cloud: The big, black cloud, all heavy with rain,
That shadowed the ground on Kapiti Plain.

Eagle: I am the eagle who dropped a feather,
A feather that helped to change the weather.

Kipat: It fell near Ki-pat, who watched my herd,
As I stood on one leg, like the big stork bird;

Cows: Ki-pat, whose cows were so hungry and dry;
They mooed for the rain to fall from the sky;

Grass: To green-up the grass, all brown and dead,
That needed the rain from the cloud overhead---

Cloud: The big, black cloud, all heavy with rain,
That shadowed the ground on Kapiti Plain.

Arrow: I am the arrow Ki-pat put together,
With a slender stick and an eagle feather

Eagle: From the eagle who happened to drop a feather,
A feather that helped to change the weather.

Ki-pat: It fell near Ki-pat, who watched my herd,
As I stood on one leg, like the big stork bird.

Cows: Ki-pat, whose cows were so hungry and dry,
They mooed for the rain to fall from the sky;

Grass: To green up the grass, all brown and dead,
That needed the rain from the cloud overhead---

Cloud: The big, black cloud, all heavy with rain,
That shadowed the ground on Kapiti Plain.

Bow: I am the bow, so long and strong,
I'm strung with a string, a leather thong.

Arrow: A bow for the arrow, Ki-pat put together,
With a slender stick and an eagle feather;

Eagle: From the eagle who happened to drop a feather.

Feather: A feather that helped to change the weather.

- Ki-pat: It fell near Ki-pat, who watched my herd
As I stood on one leg, like the big stork bird.
- Cows: Ki-pat whose cows were so hungry and dry,
They mooed for the rain to fall from the sky;
- Grass: To green up the grass, all brown and dead,
That needed the rain from the cloud overhead---
- Cloud: The big, black cloud, all heavy with rain,
That shadowed the ground on Kapiti Plain.
- ALL: This was the shot that pierced the cloud
And loosed the rain with thunder LOUD!
- Bow: A shot from the bow, so long and strong,
And strung with a string, a leather thong;
- Arrow: A bow from the arrow Ki-pat put together,
With a slender stick and an eagle feather;
- Eagle: From the eagle who happened to drop a feather,
- Feather: A feather who helped to change the weather.
- Ki-pat: It fell near Ki-pat, who watched my herd
As I stood on one leg, like the big stork bird;
- Cows: Ki-pat, whose cows were so hungry and dry,
They mooed for the rain to fall from the sky;
- Grass: To green-up the grass, all brown and dead,
That needed the rain from the cloud overhead---
- Cloud: The big, black cloud, all heavy with rain,
That shadowed the ground on Kapiti Plain.
- Narr. 1: So the grass grew green, and the cattle fat!
And Ki-pat got a wife and a little Ki-pat---
- Narr. 2: Who tends the cows now, and shoots down the rain
When black clouds shadow the Kapiti Plain.
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