

The Māui Dolphin

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Māui hi, mana Māui x3
Hi hi hi Māui!

CHORUS

Māui, ooooh Māui
Kauhoe i te moana x2
Māui, ooooh Māui
He pounamu, he taonga

Check it out...

I'm the Māui dolphin and I'm cool
as can be
I'm the smallest of my kind and
the rarest you'll see
I surf through the waves along Te
Tai Hauāuru
That's in the North Island, Te Ika
a Māui

Māui hi, mana Māui x2

Now my namesake Māui, yeah,
he's a shape-shifter
And a tricky trickster at that too!
But me, I like my shape, and my
koru-like fin
It's the perfect shape to surf the
deep blue

CHORUS

I ngā wā o mua, back in the old
days
The Māori people called me a
taniwha
I was the messenger fish, I guided
people through the waves
Like my tipuna, Tuhirangi

CHORUS

Māui hi, mana Māui x2

Ahakoā he iti he pounamu
Although I am small, I'm a
treasure, too x2

Ahakoā he iti he pounamu
Although I am small, I'm a
treasure, too x4

Māui, ooooh Māui
Kauhoe i te moana x2
Māui ooooh Māui
He pounamu, he taonga
[repeat]

Māui hi, mana Māui x3
Hi hi hi Māui!