

'In the Beginning'

The legend of creation tells us, that in the beginning, there was only darkness.

Ranginui (the sky Father) and Papatuanuku (the earth Mother) clung together tightly with their children cramped between them.

Unhappy being so uncomfortable the children plotted to separate their parents. Many tried to push them apart, but in the end, it was Tane Mahuta that summoned all his strength and succeeded.

Rangi and Papa would never be together again, fated to long for each other for eternity. Rangi's tears are the rain and Papa's turn to mist.

Although the children now had plenty room to move and plenty of light, not all the children had agreed over separating their parents. Tawhirimatea, had thought it especially cruel. He was so angry at his siblings that he tore out his eyes and threw them in to the heavens, where they became stars. Hence the name of the constellation Matariki or 'little eyes'.