

## MANU O KŪ

### *Fairy Tern*

A grove of kukui nut trees  
Is all it takes  
To change the world forever.  
White feather fairies  
Inhabiting the flash of tropic  
Snow among the greens  
Crush me with a weight  
Of wonder that lifts even  
The heaviest of the dull aches here.

Paired for life  
They cleave apart the blue  
Like two white razors  
Two-part inventions of  
The God we barely know

And there they go  
Again, wheeling and diving  
Like two hands  
Signing to the heavens  
explaining what  
No words will ever do

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