

Puha and Pakeha – Rod Derrett (original in F)

Intro: Em x 4

Em

Down by the mud pools once upon a time in the land of the long white cloud,
The hungry tribesman gathered for a meeting, and a warrior spoke to the crowd,
“By curry boys, I've had enough, of this stuff called moa bone stew

G -----

If you want to put some meat in to the kind that you've been eatin'

----- **D7**

I've got a new soup for you,

----- **G** **C**

I call it, Puha and Pakeha, Puha and Pakeha,

D **G** **C** **G**

The finest food you could ever wish for, better than a big fat flaxen dish for,

D **D7** **G** **Em x 4**

Puha and Pakeha

Em

Then good queen Vic sent a fellow with a treaty, to the land of the old Kiwi,
And Hobson called all the chieftains together and he said “Lads listen to me,
Sign the dotted line and we'll all have tea”, but one old Chief just sat,

G ----- **D7**

And said “I don't give a hangi for the Treaty of Waitangi, you can't get fat on that,

----- **G** **C**

Give me some Puha and Pakeha, Puha and Pakeha,

D **G** **C** **G**

I don't want fish'n'chips or cream pavlovas, I want a dish with no leftovers,

D **D7** **G** **Em x 4**

Puha and Pakeha

Em

“HELP.....!” “Come on boys we just caught another one eh?”

“I say I've fallen in the geyser” “Yeah you sit there and have a good wash eh boy”

“Why that's a capital idea, never could get a good bath in the colonies,

I say have you any soap?”

“Sorry no soap Pakeha, try some puha, make you smell good eh?”

“Oh drop of the old eau de colonial what?”

Mm, though it is getting rather warm in here.

I'll cook if I have to stay in here much longer.” “Ah you catch on quick boy.”

“Great Scott, so that's your little game is it?”

You can't cook me, Sir, I'm a cabinet minister.”

“That's alright boy, we're not fussy.”

----- C

Don't want instant soup for a very first course

G

Or a fish that's swimming in parsley sauce

C

G

A roast beef lamb pork chicken or veal, a TV dinner just doesn't appeal

G/ C/ -----

You take a little umu and you get it very hot,

C/ G/ -----

You catch a little Pakeha, you put him in a pot,

G/ C/ -----

You cook him all up in your old home brew,

C/ G/ ----- Em x 4

And what have you got? Kiwi Stew

Em

Now that was all a very very long time ago, in the land of the long white cloud,
And the bones of many utu from the cape to Te Awamutu

Lie buried in history's shroud ,

But down where the mud pools bubble and squeak, a traditional dish is made,

G ----- D7

And then nae a tourist, dropping in for lunch, has helped our export trade

----- G

C

By trying, Puha and Pakeha, Puha and Pakeha,

D

G

C

G

The finest food you could ever wish for, better than a big fat flaxen dish for,

D D7 G

Puha and Pakeha

C ----- C -----

You can stick your saveloys, oysters and pies,

G ----- G -----

Give me the food with the flavour surprise.

D D7 G

Puha and Pakeha.

G -----

Tahe rua toru wha-taka micky outta kiwi fella

Hi aue hei!