

Audiobook Taketakerau: The Millennium Tree

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Welcome, and I hope you enjoy this audio experience.

- 1) **Koro and the Story of Taketakerau**
Narrated by Rob Herewini
- 2) **Grandma's Snippets of World History**
Narrated by Dene Hopcroft
- 3) **Page by Page**
Narrated by Maya Anstis, Rob Herewini and Dene Hopcroft
- 4) **God of Nations Anthem (for The Millennium Tree)**
Arrangement Marnie Anstis

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