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## **On the Shores of the Kaipara**

Shrouded in history of kauri gum days  
The early settlers who helped forge Northland today  
From the logging to green pastures where cattle graze  
Boats sailed into the harbour carrying goods for trade.

That was long ago, how much has changed  
A visit to a beach and go swimming for the day  
Great pleasures for the boaties as they fish once again  
Ruawai with its' boat ramp for the locals to play

Let's visit Mangawhai Heads kicking up the sand  
A beach walk at Pahi on wave wetted sand  
Amble along the pathway of Dargaville Wairoa river track  
This muddy river once floated logs now flanked with stop banks

It leaves me with this thought as Kaipara progressively grows  
Imagine years from now  
On the Shores of the Kaipara  
What might we behold