

*Mine is the migrating bird
Winging over perilous regions of the ocean,
Ever tracing out the age-old path of the
Wandering waves...*

— from a *fangu*, or sacred chant, of ancient Tuamotuan,
an Austronesian or Malayo-Polynesian language
spoken throughout the Tuamotu Islands,
part of French Polynesia in the South Pacific.
Quoted in *We, the Navigators: the Ancient Art of
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by David Lewis

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