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and in this situation they wept aloud, for a long time, and repeated short sentences alternately, which, we understood were prayers, and continued weeping, the tears rolling down their sable countenances in torrents. - It was impossible to see them without being deeply affected: at this time also, the daughter of Korokoro's Aunt sat at her mother's feet weeping, and all the women joined in their lamentations. - We thought this an extraordinary custom amongst them, and a singular mode of manifesting their joy; but we afterwards found that this custom was general in the Island of New Zealand. many of these poor women cut themselves on their faces, hands, and breasts, with sharp shells or flints, till the blood ran down in streams.

When their tears and lamentations had subsided, I presented the women with a few presents. - Towhee had sat all this time labouring to suppress his feelings (having declared he would not say) In a short time we were joined by several fine young men, among them there was a youth, the son of a chief on the Island; when Towhee saw him, coming he could contain his feelings no longer but instantly ran to him, and they were

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