



# TOITOI

## STORY SEARCH

Write a story or poem inspired by  
11-year-old Lars Meyer-Westfeld's fantastic  
artwork published in Toitōi 25.

You may submit in English or te reo Māori.

Send it to [submit@toitoinz.nz](mailto:submit@toitoinz.nz) and include your name,  
age, school and a parent or teacher's contact details.

Submissions are due on November 27, 2021.

We will publish the best story in Toitōi 27  
with additional illustrations by Lars.

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# Seashells

You might see a seashell  
when you are at the beach.



The shells shine and are precious,  
like gold coins.

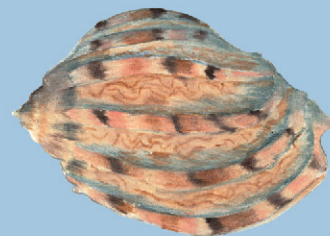


They sparkle in the sun,  
so special and beautiful.



If the shells are bivalves,  
then you can open them on tiny hinges.

If the shell is too hard to open,  
then you must leave it at the beach.



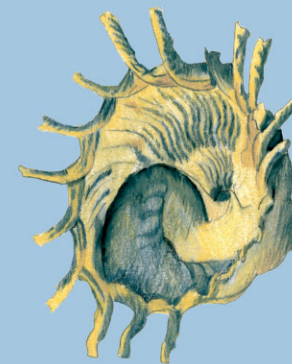
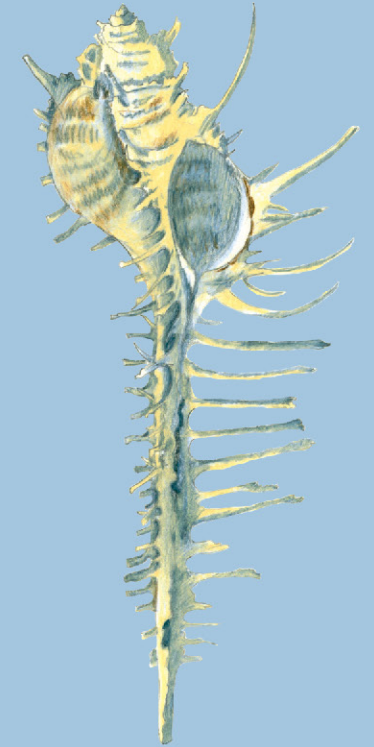
A tiny sea creature will be inside  
— pipis, mussels or cockles.



It is not yours to take,  
so look for another gift from the sea.



The intricate shells  
lie patiently on the sand.



The sea makes a peaceful sound  
as it breathes in and out.