

## **Freedom of Love**

Dear Prime Minister  
of New Zealand, Mrs Hope,  
I am writing with much respect  
One mother to another mother  
Here from Edinburgh, Scotland .

There is a huge viral monster -  
Not from Loch Ness I may add -  
It is invading all of our planet.

You have managed miracles  
Closing your borders tight shut.  
Tourists will just have to wait.  
My daughter though is married  
To a good kiwi from Lyttelton, NZ .

They met, fell in love, married  
In New Zealand far from me  
Celebrated here again in Scotland  
All before the monster Covid-19.

Husband travelled ahead to NZ  
Then their dog followed just after  
Next the turn of the wife to return  
She was stopped from boarding  
From re-joining the love of her life  
In tears returning an unhappy wife.

Love does not recognise borders  
It is what our freedom is built upon  
I implore you instead of this offshore  
Grant my daughter the required visa  
Let her travel to where she should be

Sincerely, Mrs Arbroath

**aka Rose Ann Fraser Ritchie**