

## Israel Kamakawi'ole "Hawai'i '78"

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UA MAU KE EA O KA AINA I KA PONO O HAWAII  
(rough translation: The constant, wet Rain Gives Life  
to the land  
And brings goodnesschange to Hawaii)  
If just for a day our king and queen  
Would visit all these islands and saw everything  
How would they 'bout the changing of our land  
Could you just imagine if they were around  
And saw highways on their sacred grounds  
How would they feel if they 'bout this modern city life  
Tears would come from each others eyes as  
They would stop to realize  
That our people are in great, great danger now  
How would they feel  
Would their smiles be content  
Rather then cry  
Cry for the gods, cry for the people  
Cry for the lands that were taken away

And in it you'll find Hawaii  
Could you just imagine if they came back  
And saw traffic lights and railroad tracks  
How would they feel about this modern city life  
Tears would come from each others eyes as  
They would stop to realize  
That our land is in great, great danger now  
All of the fighting that the king had done  
To conquer all these islands  
Now there's condominiums  
How would he feel if saw Hawaii now  
How would he feel  
Would his smiles be content  
Rather then cry  
Cry for the gods, cry for the people  
Cry for the lands that were taken away  
And in it you'll find Hawaii  
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