

Israel Kamakawiwo'ole**"Opae E"**

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'?pae ?, '?pae ho'i
Shrimp, Shrimp return
Ua hele mai au, ua hele mai au
I am coming hither, I am coming hither
Na Kuahine*
For Sister.
Hui: / Chorus:
Aia wai, aia puhi
There's water, there's eel
Nui 'o Puhi a li'i li'i au
Big (is) Eel and little (is) me.
A'ole loa.
Absolutely not.
P?p? ?, P?p? ho'i
Shellfish, Shellfish return
Ua hele mai au, ua hele mai au
I am coming hither, I am coming hither
Na Kuahine
For Sister.
(E hana hou i ka hui)
(Repeat chorus)
K?pe'e ?, K?pe'e ho'i
Sea snail, Sea snail return
Ua hele mai au, ua hele mai au
I am coming hither, I am coming hither
Na Kuahine
For Sister.
'Opihi ?, 'Opihi ho'i
Limpet, Limpet return
Ua hele mai au, ua hele mai au
I am coming hither, I am coming hither
Na Kuahine
For Sister.
Mai maka'u, na'u e pani
(I'm) Not afraid, for me to block/cover
I ka maka a 'ike 'ole
the eyes (of the puhi so he) cannot see
K?I? puhi
That eel.
*kuahine = sister of a brother, pronunciation of "k"
can vary from a k-sound to a t-sound.

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