

# Hawai'i '78

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Ua Mau ke Ea o ka ʻĀina i ka Pono O Hawaiʻi  
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(The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness)

If just for a day our king and queen  
Would visit all these islands and saw everything  
How would they feel about the changes of our land

Could you just imagine if they were around  
And saw highways on their sacred grounds  
How would they feel about 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, could their smiles be content, then cry

Chorus:

Cry for the gods, cry for the people  
Cry for the land that was taken away  
And then yet you'll find, Hawai'i

Could you just imagine 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 the fighting that the king had done  
To conquer all these islands now these condominiums  
How would he feel if he saw Hawai'i nei  
How, would he feel, would his smile be content, then cry

Chorus

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