

Pupu a o `Ewa

(Shells of `Ewa) - Traditional



HUI:

F F7
Püpü (a`o `Ewa) i ka nu`a (nä kånaka)

Bb

E naue mai (a e `ike)

C7

I ka mea hou (o ka `äina)

F - F7

Ahe `äina (ua kaulana)

Bb

Mai nä kúpuna mai

F

C7

Alahula Pu`uloa he ala hele no

F

Ka`ahupahau.

C7

Alahula Pu`uloa he ala hele no

F

Ka`ahupähau.

F F7 Bb

Nani Ka`ala hemolele i ka mälie

C7

F

Kuahiwi kaulana a`o `Ewa

F7

Bb

E ki`i ana i ka makani o ka `äina

C7

F

Hea ka Moa`e eia au e ke aloha

REPEAT HUI

Kilakila `o Polea noho i ka `olu

la home ho`ohihi a ka malihini

E walea ana i ka `olu o ke kiawe

I ka pa kolonahe a ke Kiu

REPEAT HUI

Chorus

Shells of `Ewa throngs of people

Coming to learn

The news of the land

A land famous

From the ancient times

All of Pu`uloa, the path trod upon by

Ka`ahupahau

All of Pu`uloa, the path trod upon by

Ka`ahupahau

Beautiful Ka`ala, sublime in the calm

Famous mountain of `Ewa

That fetches the wind of the land

The tradewind calls, "here I am, beloved"

Majestic Polea in the coolness

Home delightful to visitors

Relaxing in the coolness of the kiawe

And the soft blowing of the Kiu wind

Source: huapala.com: Na Mele `O Hawai'i Nei by Elbert & Mahoe, Olowalu Massacre by Aubrey Janion - The news of the land was the discovery of pearl oysters at Pu`uloa, the Hawaiian name for Pearl Harbor, that was protected by Ka`ahupähau, the shark goddess. Ka`ala is the highest mountain on O`ahu and Polea is located in `Ewa. Nu`a and naue in the chorus is often interchanged with nuku (mouth) and lawe (bring). Moa`e is the name of a tradewind. In 1909, the Navy issued a \$1.7 million contract for construction of the first Pearl Harbor dry dock. Kapuna Kanakeawe, a Hawaiian fisherman, told the contractor to build it in another location as the spot they selected was the home of Ka`ahupähau. Work stopped after 3 months as things kept going wrong. Cement would not pour and the contractor could not pump water out of the dry dock. February 17, 1913, 2 years behind schedule, opening ceremonies were held. Then it exploded. One man was killed, \$4,000,000 lost and 4 years of work demolished. Another contract was issued in November, 1914. As work progressed, the early warning given by Kanakeawe was remembered. Mrs. Puahi, a kahuna, was called, and instructed the foreman, David Richards, in the necessary rituals to appease Ka`ahupähau and safeguard the project. After sacrifices were made, prayers chanted and rituals performed, the project was declared safe. When the bottom was pumped out, the skeleton of a 14-foot shark was discovered. Pearl Harbor was also the site of ancient Hawaiian fishponds.