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UA MAU KE EA O KA AINA I KA PONO O HAWAI'I

(The constant rain gives Life to the land
and brings change to Hawaii)

If just for a day our king and queen
would visit all these islands and saw everything
How would they feel about the changing 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 big danger now

How would they feel
would their smiles be content
then cry
cry for the gods, cry for the people
cry for the land that was 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 big 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 he saw Hawaii now

How would he feel
would his smile be content
rather than cry
cry for the gods, cry for the people
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