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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 goodness/change 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 than 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

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