

Papahānaumokuākea Song Long Version Lyrics

INTRODUCTION

This song is called Papahānaumokuākea. It speaks of the union between Papa, Mother Earth, and Wākea, Sky Father, who gave birth to the Hawaiian Islands- and especially the tiny atolls which lay to the northwest of the main islands.

It also describes some of the plants and animals that inhabit the atolls and why it is so important to protect this sacred place...

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CHORUS

Papahānaumokuākea
Sacred islands way out they-yah
Born of Papa and Wākea
Papahānaumokuākea...

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NAME

Papa is the Mother Earth,
Hānau means “to give bir-irth”
Moku is the name for island
Ākea the Sky Fa-Ther...

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FORMATION

Ancient Islands towered high
Rising up into the sky-ee
‘Roded by wind, rain and sea
Atolls they would someday be...

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PLANTS

On the ‘āina plants would grow
Naupaka and ‘akoko
Pōhuehue, ‘āheahea
Papahānaumokuākea...

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ANIMALS

Creatures crossed the ocean blue
Birds and fish and insects too
Honu, monk seal, manō, 'ahi
Followed by some mahimahi...

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NESTING BIRDS

Many birds make homes of these
Atolls scattered 'cross the sea
Nest in shrubs and on the land
Some dig burrows in the sand...

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MIGRATORY BIRDS

Some birds come here for the winter
Migrate north for summer time,
'Akekeke and kōlea
Papahānaumokuākea...

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WHALES

Koholā start breaching – WOW!
Transcending from pō to ao
Giant creatures of the sea
Come here to hānau keiki...

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MONK SEAL

'Īlio - holo - i - ka - uaua
Native seal of Hawai'i,
Dog that goes in the rough uaua
Papahānaumokuākea...

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HONU

Honu come from 'round Hawai'i
Mate and lay their eggs out there,
Nests will hatch under nā hōkū
Hatchling scramble everywhere...

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VOYAGING

Traveled to by ancestors
Sacred sites upon the Earth
Voyaged to by Hōkūleʻa
Papahānaumokuākea...

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ATOLL NAMES:

NIHOA

Beyond Kauaʻi and Niʻihau
Ni-ho-a stands tall and proud
Wahi pana- sacred places
And nā mea makamae...

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MOKUMANAMANA

Past Nihoa - Mokumanamana
Island of great spirit power
People went to pray out they-yah
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LALO

Lalo is next in line
Crescent atoll lost in time
Honu basking on the sho-ore,
Heʻe cross the ocean floor...

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ʻŌNŪNUI, ʻŌNŪIKI

ʻŌnūnui and ʻŌnūiki
Rocks that pop out of the se-ee
Like a honu up for ay-yah
Papahānaumokuākea...

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KAMOKUOKAMOHOALI'I

Kamokuokamohoali'i
Pele's brother shark is he-ee
Only reef - no islands they-ye
Manō swimming ev'ry where...

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KAMOLE

Kamole has a lake within
Ducks eat flies around its rim
Some birds went extinct out they-yah
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KAPOU

Kapou island flat and round
Shrubs and grasses on the ground
Bonin Petrels nest out here
Everything looks crystal clear...

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MANAWAI

Manawai is quite an atoll
Emerald waters lap the shore
White sand causes lots of glay-yah
Papahānaumokuākea...

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KUAIHELANI

Kuaihelani famous for
Mōlī nesting on the sand.
Fly for years across the ocean
Crashing when they try to land...

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HŌLANIKŪ

Hōlanikū is the last atoll
In the archipelago
Lots of ocean space past they-yah
Papahānaumokuākea...

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MALAMA HONUA

Nature thrives in harmony
So let's mālama naturally-ee
What it takes is our kōkua
To mālama ka honua...

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ENDING

This the ending of our song,
Ma-ha-lo for singing lo-ong
Sacred places need our kay- yah...
Papahānaumokuākea!

PAU (FINISHED)

Song in G: Vamp A7-D7-G, High C

Song in F: Vamp G7-C7-F, High Bb

Song in C: Vamp D7-G7-C, High F

Song in D, Vamp E7-A7-D, High G

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