

Papahānaumokuākea Song

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 birth"
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 'aina plants would grow Naupaka and 'akoko
Pōhuehue, 'āheahea *Papahānaumokuākea...*

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ANIMALS

Creatures crossed the ocean blue Birds and fish insects too
Honu, monk seal and kōlea *Papahānaumokuākea...*

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VOYAGING

Traveled to by ancestors Sacred sites upon the Earth
Voyaged to by Hōkūle'a *Papahānaumokuākea...*

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CHORUS REPEAT

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ENDING

Nature thrives in harmony So let's Mālama natra-lee-ee
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