

Papahānaumokuākea Mele (Song) Short Version Lyrics and Ukulele Chords

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...

Vamp A7-D7-G

CHORUS

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

Vamp A7-D7-G

NAME

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

Vamp A7-D7-G

FORMATION

G
Ancient islands towered high
D G
Rising up into the sky-ee

G
'Roded by wind, rain and sea
D G
Atolls they would someday be...

Vamp A7-D7-G

PLANTS

G
On the 'aina plants would grow
D G
Naupaka and 'akoko
C G
Pōhuehue, 'āheahea
D G
Papahānaumokuākea...

Vamp A7-D7-G

ANIMALS

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

Vamp A7-D7-G

VOYAGING

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

Vamp A7-D7-G

CHROUS REPEAT

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

Vamp A7-D7-G

ENDING

G
Nature thrives in harmony
D G
So let's Mālama natra-lee-ee
C (slower) G
Sacred places need our Kay-yah...
D G
Papahānaumokuākea!

PAU (FINISHED)

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