

# Music in the Marquesas Islands

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## CHANTS AND LOVE SONGS OF THE MARQUESAS ISLANDS, FRENCH OCEANIA on JSTOR

As a deconcentrated subdivision of the French central State, the Marquesas Islands form the administrative subdivision of the Marquesas French: subdivision administrative des Marquises , one of's five. Te mea ko'e outahi ru'u? Tape'a rima ata tu'u tu'u! Administratively, they form a subdivision of both the French central State and the government of French Polynesia. Tokohua te k'i Sweet-smelling is the skin Hua ma'ui o hei ri' apa! It is supposed to be sung by the Atuona people approaching Hanavave, Fatuhiva, in a canoe.

### Marquesas Islands

From Fearlessness, the warrior of Hoputete. The old custom was to let a corpse begin to rot, then to rub it with turmeric 'ena , peppers, koku'u berries, and the kaupe flower.

### Finding Eden in the Marquesas

Especially when cannibals are no longer part of the picture. The first two are rooted in English Protestant liturgy and in the pre-European period.

### Incredible images of untouched tribes living on remote Pacific island

Kio 2 Stanza 2 Mehe tiu keahia Na'iki 'i tai As the tiu northeast wind strikes the Na'iki on the sea O motu tapu peupeu te kahu, And blows away the cloak of the sacred isle, 'I Fae'a te ori taha tu'u koina! The father, Meihano, is dead! Some of the rari kou fau should interest students of literature. By Ma'u, Tahuata 'Ua 'eva Hiva'oa mehe 'au pua tahu'i, Hiva'oa balances like a dancing flower-leaf, Te hua 'i na to taua va'a, As our canoe turns back, Te kav'i hakahao! Comes the evil enchantment, luring out the breath of her life over the sea, the stormy seas of the west wind.

### Marquesas Islands

Te keka'a na'unau 'a'oha, Strong, sweet-smelling love, I he'e ma te tua o tu'u ve'ive'i ate.

### French Polynesian Culture

The body was exposed on a stone paepae platform for several years, and then the bones were broken apart and kept in caves. Te tahito to tu'u 'ahana no 'ua pae te toua. One would dance to welcome a visitor, to pray, to challenge an enemy or to seduce a mate.

### **The Spectacular Tattoos of the Marquesas Islands**

E Ika, e Ika, 'ua kamo 'oe 'i te hue pa'e o Takau o i ae, O Fish, Fish, you stole the round hat of Takau, Tupoutoe'e 'ia pa'e i ho'i. To see the funny island with smoking carriages! The-ivory-ear-ornament, The-sacred-bird-come-to-rest, that is, Pu of the Na'iki tribe from Atuona is prostrate. I sigh for my wreath of sweet flowers! The change in Polynesian from h to f or s seems to follow fairly definite laws.

### **Journal of the Polynesian Society: Chants And Love Songs Of The Marquesas Islands, French Oceania, By Samuel H. Elbert, P 53**

The piercing of the ears, puberty, tattooing, marriage, death, fishing, war, harvest,—these occasions called for music. Te pua 'eva mai Peihau. You came along Akaka stream.

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