

Hawai'i '78 Introduction

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(rough translation: The constant, wet Rain Gives Life to the land
and brings goodness/change to Hawaii)(Spoken)

I feel free now, you know? I was just confined like, you know?

My Mom was born on Niihau. My Dad was born here.

My Dad, he was a...he worked for the Navy. Down at PWCA,
Public Works. Down Pearl Harbor.

Oh my mother was tight ah...was tight. My Poppa was tight ah

My Poppa died when he--when I was 10 I think.

...I was 10 years old. But every once in a while, he come
back you know. ...I trip..... Just like couple of weeks ago,

I was sleeping my place, and then my mother and auntie Nina came...How would they feel?

Would their smiles be content rather than cry?

Cry for the gods,

cry for the people,

cry for the land that was taken away,

and then yet you'll find Hawai'i.(Spoken)

He loved music brah.

He had a massive heart attack.

The way that--just depression brah. He was real depressed.

I was on the same course he was going.

And he knew that too. And that's why he came back

and tell me that "eh"--'cause he DID come back and told me that

"Eh, 'cause, you know, no be scared. There's people here for

help you brah". It's kinda like telling me, if he

had them...he would still be here. I still believe if he had called me,
he'd be alive.

...'Cause he died of a broken heart brah.How would he feel?

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