I Wanna Rest Strum: (index finger only)

I Wan-na Rest, I Wan-na Rest, I Wan-na Rest, I Wan-na

Latin Strum: (rasgado, rasgueado on second beat)

Music Terms¹: rasgado, rasgueado = in guitar playing, a right hand flamenco technique where the fingers from the little finger to the index finger strum the strings quickly; line under a chord = bump

INTRO: C (I Wanna Rest)

C
TA-HU-WA-I LA A TAHUWAI WAI LA

EHU HENE LA A PILI KOO LUA LA
F C
PU-TU-TU-I LU A I-TE TOE LA
G7 C
HA-NU LIPO ITA PA-A-LAI
C
TA-HU-WA-I LA A TAHUWAI WAI LA

EHU HENE LA A PILI KOO LUA LA

C
There’s a sunny little funny little melody

That was started by a native down in Waikiki

F C
He would gather a crowd down beside the sea

G7 C
And they’d play his gay Hawaiian chant

C
Soon the other little natives started singing it

And the hula hula maidens started swinging it

Like a tropical storm that's the way it hit

Funny little gay Hawaiian Chant.

Ow way tah Tu-a-lan

Me big bad fighting man.

THO it started on an island down Hawaii way

It's as popular in Tennessee or loway

If you wander into any cabaret

You will hear this gay Hawaiian Chant.

Me big bad fighting man

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This Hawaiian song was written by Prince Leleiohōoku in the 1860s and titled “Kāua I Ka Huahua’i or “We Two in the Spray.” The Hawaiian lyrics describe two palace lovers who met in secret. In 1936, composer Johnny Noble borrowed the melody from this song, left the original Hawaiian lyrics as they were, Ralph Freed added English lyrics, and named it Hawaiian War Chant. Tommy Dorsey recorded the song in its modern form on November 29, 1938, and it was released on Victor Records in the United States and Canada. Hilo Hattie sang it in her shows in Hawai’i. This arrangement follows the Hawaiian lyrics, and then repeats the song with the English lyrics while playing two different ‘ukulele strums.


(story) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawaiian_War_Chant

(story) http://www.squareone.org/Hapa/h62.html

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