

**Pearly Shells/Pupu a'o 'Ewa (Shells of 'Ewa)--Traditional**

C  
Pearly shells (pearly shells)

C7  
From the ocean (from the ocean)

F  
Shining in the sun (shining in the sun)

G7  
Covering the shore (covering the shore)

C C7  
When I see them (when I see them)

F  
My heart tells me that I love you

C G7 C  
More than all those little pearly shells.

G7 C  
More than all those little pearly shells.

C  
**Pupu (a'o 'Ewa)** *Shells of 'Ewa*

C7  
**I ka nu'a [nuku] (na kanaka)** *Throngs of people*

F  
**E naue [lawe] mai (a e 'ike)** *Coming to learn*

G7  
**I ka mea hou (o ka 'aina)** *The news of the land*

C C7  
**A he 'aina (ua kaulana)** *A land famous*

F  
**Mai na kupuna mai** *From the ancient times*

C G7 C  
**Alahula Pu'uloa he ala hele no Ka'ahupahau (Ka'ahupahau)** *All of Pu'uloa, the path*

G7 C  
**Alahula Pu'uloa he ala hele no Ka'ahupahau (Ka'ahupahau)** *trod upon  
by Ka'ahupahau*

**Nani Ka'ala hemolele i ka malie**  
***Beautiful Ka'ala, sublime in the calm***

**Kuahiwi kaulana a'o 'Ewa**  
***Famous mountain of 'Ewa***

**E ki'i ana i ka makani o ka 'aina**  
***That fetches the wind of the land***

**Hea ka Moa'e, eia au e ke aloha**  
***The tradewind calls, "here I am, beloved".***

Source: Na Mele `O Hawai`i Nei by Elbert & Mahoe, Olowalu Massacre by Aubrey Janion - The news of the land was the discovery of pearl oysters at Pu`uloa, the Hawaiian name for Pearl Harbor, that was protected by Ka`ahupāhau, the shark goddess. Ka`ala is the highest mountain on O`ahu and Polea is located in `Ewa. Nu`a and naue in the chorus is often interchanged with nuku (mouth) and lawe (bring). Moa`e is the name of a tradewind. In 1909, the Navy issued a \$1.7 million contract for construction of the first Pearl Harbor dry dock. Kapuna Kanakeawe, a Hawaiian fisherman, told the contractor to build it in another location as the spot they selected was the home of Ka`ahupāhau. Work stopped after 3 months as things kept going wrong. Cement would not pour and the contractor could not pump water out of the dry dock. February 17, 1913, 2 years behind schedule, opening ceremonies were held. Then it exploded. One man was killed, \$4,000,000 lost and 4 years of work demolished. Another contract was issued in November, 1914. As work progressed, the early warning given by Kanakeawe was remembered. Mrs. Puahi, a kahuna, was called, and instructed the foreman, David Richards, in the necessary rituals to appease Ka`ahupāhau and safeguard the project. After sacrifices were made, prayers chanted and rituals performed, the project was declared safe. When the bottom was pumped out, the skeleton of a 14-foot shark was discovered. Pearl Harbor was also the site of ancient Hawaiian fishponds.