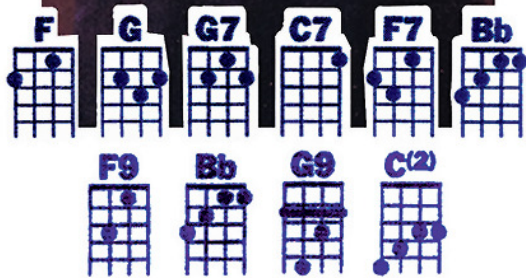


I Want To Learn to Speak hawaiian



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aloha nui oe - lots of love to you
honi kâua wikiwiki - let's kiss quickly
kama nina - Hawaiian - literally "child of the land"

wela ka hao - "strike when the iron is hot"
hula - dance
pupule - crazy, wild

I want to learn to speak Hawaiian
Then I can say the sweetest things to you
I want to learn to sing Hawaiian
So I can do the hula hula too

I've learned to say aloha nui oe
The sweetest little words I ever knew
And when I am a kama nina
It's going to thrill me thru and thru

honi kâua wikiwiki
They taught me on the beach at Waikiki
wela ka hao • meaning whoopee •
I am learning them fast you can see

So after all, what does it matter
If I should stutter on a word or two
I want to learn to speak Hawaiian
Cause I'm pupule, simply crazy over you
(turnaround with C7)