

Hawaiian War Chant

English Lyrics by Ralph Freed, Music by Johnny Noble and Prince Leleiohaku, 1936

Vamp: G⁷ C⁷ F

F

There's a sunny little, funny little melody

F⁷

That was started by a native down in Waikiki.

B^b

F

He would gather a crowd down beside the sea

C⁷

F

And he'd play his gay Hawaiian chant.

F

Soon the other little natives started singin' it.

F⁷

Then the hula-hula maidens started swingin' it.

B^b

F

Like a tropical storm, that's the way it hit,

C⁷

F

(C⁷, F⁷)

Funny little gay Hawaiian chant.

B^b F C⁷ F F⁷

Au we ta huala

B^b F C⁷ F

Me big, bad fightin' man!

F

Thought it started on an island down Hawai'i way,

F⁷

It's as popular in Tennessee or Ioway.

B^b

F

If you wander in to any cabaret

C⁷

F

(C⁷, F⁷)

You will hear this gay Hawaiian chant.

B^b F C⁷ F F⁷

Au we ta huala

B^b F C⁷ F

Me big, bad fightin' man!

Soprano Baritone

