

There was a Time words and music by Al Nip, January, 2010  
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There was a time when streams flowed,  
D7 G  
Our tūtū used to say.

`Ōpae and the hīhīwai  
D7 G G7  
Would always be there when we played.  
C G  
To live a life so our keiki can feel,  
D7 G G7  
Kahawai flowing to the sea.  
C G  
To have a choice to live our lives  
D7 G  
What would kupuna say today.

There was a time when native forests grew,  
Our tūtū used to say.  
Shaded by our koa trees,  
Carving wa`a as we played.  
To live a life so our keiki can feel,  
The ua on those native leaves.  
To have a choice to live our lives  
What would kupuna say today.

The time has come for our keiki to live, with  
Nā wai flowing to the sea  
Shaded by our native trees  
Mālama `āina, there for me  
To live our life so our keiki can feel  
Like kupuna, who we hold dear  
To live our life so our keiki can feel  
Mālama `āina, here to stay.