

MY LITTLE GRASS SHACK

by Bill Cogswell, Tommy Harrison & Johnny Noble



I wanna go back to my little grass shack

G7

In Kealekekua, Hawaii

C7

I wanna be with all the kanes and wahines

F

That I used to know, (so long ago.)

A7

I can hear the old guitars a'playing,

D7

At the beach at Ho'onaunau

G7

I can hear the old Hawaiians saying,-----

C7

“Komo mai no ka ua ika hale wela ka hao”

F

It won't be long 'till my ship,

G7

Will be sailing back to Kona,

C7

A7

**It's a grand old place that's always fair to see
(you're tellin me)**

D7

I'm just a little Hawaiian and a homesick Island boy,

G7

I wanna go back to my fish and poi,

F

I wanna go back to my little grass shack

G7

In Kealakekua, Hawaii,

C7

Where the Humu-humu-nuku-nuku-a-pu-a'a,

F

Go swimming by.

(Repeat these last two lines)

(REPEAT SONG FASTER TEMPO)

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Source: Noble's "Hawaiian Favorites" Copyright 1933, 1961 Miller Music Corp, - This song was introduced in Kona, Hawai`i at the July 4th canoe races, 1933. Harrison gave the song to John Noble to publish, who revised the music to give it an almost new melody without changing Cogswell's words. This was done to dispel the claim that others had written the song. Once published, the song became a smash hit. Noble turned over the royalties to the Sherman Clay Co. in San Francisco for \$500.00 advance royalty, giving the credit to Cogswell and Harrison. Kealahou is the bay where Captain Cook was killed in 1779. Hônaunau is the ancient City of Refuge and Kona is the district where both are located on the Big Island.