

Hawai'i Pono'i  
Words by King Kalākaua  
Music by Henri Berger



According to Emerson Smith, “Hawai'i Pono'i” originated as another version of “God Save the King” with Hawaiian verses written by King Kalākaua, and was transmitted into a great anthem through the artistry of the bandmaster of the Royal Hawaiian Band, Captain Henri Berger. It served as the national anthem of the Kingdom of Hawai'i from 1876 to 1893.

Hawai'i pono'i  
Nānā i kou mō'i  
Ka Lani Ali'i,  
Ke Ali'i

Hawai'i's own true sons  
Be loyal to your chief  
Your country's Liege and Lord  
The Chief

Hui:  
Makua Lani ē,  
Kamehameha ē,  
Nā kaua e pale,  
Me ka ihe

Chorus:  
Royal father  
Kamehameha  
Shall defend in war  
With spears

