

Always Lift Him Up/Kanaka Wai Wai

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When a fellow has the blues he feels discouraged
And there's nothing else but trouble all his life
When he's always crumbled there and never happy
Living with a scold and aggravating wife
If he's sick and tired of life takes the drinking
Do not pass him by, don't greet him with a frown
Do not fail to lend a hand and try to help him
Always lift him up and never knock him down
If he stays out late at night because he's worried
And because his home is not what it should be
Ever smile for him wherever you should meet him
It would help him the right way, don't you see
If he gambles when he's in the town or city
Tell him what he ought to do to gain the crown
Lend a hand and do not fail to show him pity
Always lift him up and never knock him down
[He cannot pace this, he feels disgusted]???
If he's blue he doesn't have a word to say
Let him know you as friend can be trusted
It would cheer this lonely fellow on his way
If he finds it hard for him to keep his family
[Let a kind word greet him when he's around]???
Don't say anything at all to make against him
Always lift him up and never knock him down
[If he has no friends, never warns against him]???
If he's failed at everything that he has tried
Try to lift his load, help him bear his burden
Let him know that you are walking by his side
And if he feels that all is lost, he's falling
[Try to place ... and feet on solid ground]???
Just remember he's a mother precious darling
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