

# PEARLY SHELLS

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First note = G# (6th)  
Key = E (Capo 2)

**E**  
Pearly shells, from the ocean.  
**A** **B7**  
Shining in the sun, covering the shore  
**E**  
When I see them  
**A**  
My heart tells me that I love you  
**E** **B7** **E**  
More than all the little pearly shells.

**B7**  
For every grain of sand upon the beach,  
**E**  
I got a kiss for you.  
**B7**  
And I've got more left over, for each star  
**A** **B7**  
That twinkles in the blue.

This song has been recorded by Hank Snow, Slim Whitman, Burl Ives, Connie Francis and many other artists.

"Pearly Shells" is a purely english composition. It Borrows the melody from The traditional Hawai'ian song "Pu'u o Ewa".

However, Pearly Shells and Pupū A'o 'Ewa are two totally different songs and have two different sets of lyrics

**Pupu A' O 'Ewa**  
(Shells of 'Ewa) - Hawai'ian Traditional

Hui:

A

P, p, (a`o `Ewa) i ka nu`a (n" k"naka)

A6 D

E naue mai (a e `ike)

E7

I ka mea hou (o ka ``ina)

A A6

Ahe ``ina (ua kaulana)

D

Mai n" k, puna mai

A E7

Alahula Pu`uloa he ala hele no

A

Ka`ahupahau, (Ka'ahup"hou)

E7

Alahula Pu`uloa he ala hele no

A

Ka`ahup"hou, Ka`ahup"hou

A

Nani Ka`ala hemolele i ka m"lie

E7 ` A

Kuahiwi kaulana a`o `Ewa

A6 D

E ki`i ana i ka makani o ka ``ina

E7 A

Hea ka Moa`e eia au e ke aloha

Kilakila `o Polea noho i ka `olu

Ia hom e ho`ohihi a ka malihini

E walea ana i ka `olu o ke kiawe

I ka pa kolonahe a ke Kiu