

HAWAIIAN VOWS: SAMPLE of BEGINNING

Entire ceremony (without add-ons) takes about 5-6 minutes

MINISTER SAYS: ... First, the giving of a lei is an expression of Aloha so our happy couple exchanged leis as a symbol of their deep love for each other. It is helpful to explain that the word Aloha means “unconditional love, kindness and connection with great affection and warmth.” Also, the Hawaiian word Ohana means “belong entirely to each other; to be one in mind and one heart.”

When two people promise to share the adventure of life with true Aloha in their hearts, it is a beautiful moment that they, and all of us, shall always remember. So, I am honored to tell you that **Groom** and **Bride** say “Mahalo”...or thank you...to their friends and family, for being here today. They consider your presence at their wedding a true blessing.

(to couple) **Groom** and **Bride** you are entering into marriage because you want to be together. You are marrying because you know you will grow more in happiness and Aloha more fully as life-mates. You will live in Ohana – devoted only to each other, to be one in heart, in one mind, in all things. No greater blessing of happiness can come to you than to have this devoted Aloha, to which you now publicly avow. Keep this profound and loving understanding of your marriage alive in the days ahead. May your Aloha continuously grow truer and more wonderful with each day you enjoy together.

Groom and **Bride**, please hold hands and look into each other’s eyes.

(to groom) Do you, **Groom**, knowing this woman’s love for you and returning it, realizing her strengths and learning from them, recognizing her weaknesses and helping her to overcome them, and being faithful only to her, take **Bride** to be your wife in ohana for as long as you both shall live? (I do)

(to bride) repeat for bride ~

(to ring holder) May I have the rings please? Mahalo.

(to couple) Your wedding rings are a symbol of your eternal aloha for one another and commitment to your marriage. Please join hands as I offer a blessing for these rings: Divine Kay-ah-koo-ah, Divine God, please bless **Bride** and **Groom** in their deep aloha for each other. May these rings always be a symbol...

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