O'Brien is Tryin' to Learn to Talk Hawaiian
by Rennie Cormack and Al Dubin (1916)

Chorus 1:
Pat O' Bri-en, af-ter buy-in' a ticket for the Sand-wich Is-les—
His face all full of smiles— and aft-er many-y trials—
Pad-dy land-ed, then me-an-dered where the hula maid-ens sway—
Oh, he met a hul-la danc-er down be-side Ha-wai-i Bay—

(Slow) O' Bri-en is try-in' to learn to talk Ha-wai-ian
To his Hon-o u- lu Lu—
He's sigh-in' and cry-in' and all—the time he's try-in'
Just to say— "I love you— true——"
With his "ar-rah ya-ka hu-la be-gor-rah hick-i du-la"
And his rish— "ji ji boo——"
Sure, O' Bri-en is try-in' to learn to talk Ha-wai-ian
to his Hon-o lu lu Lu——

Pad-dy's yearn-in' to be learn-in' to play the uku-le-le too—
For his Hon-o lu lu Lu—— like all Ha-wai-ians do——
Pad-dy's danc-er does-not an-swer when he starts to talk and shout
For when Pad-dy talks Ha-wai-ian no one knows what it's a-bout

(Slow) If his wife on-ly knew—— he'd be in an rish stew——
Chorus 2: O’—Bri-en— is try-in’— to learn— to talk— Ha-wai-ian to
he's sigh-in’— in I-rish and Ha-wai-ian

| D7 | G7 | C |

his Hon— o— lu— Lu—

| C | E7 | F | C |

He's sigh-in’— and cry-in’— and all—the time he’s try-in’

| D7 | G7 |

Just to say— "I— love— you— true—"

| C | E7 | F | C |

He won Brid-get, Kate and Ma-ry— by sing-ing Tip-per-ar—y"