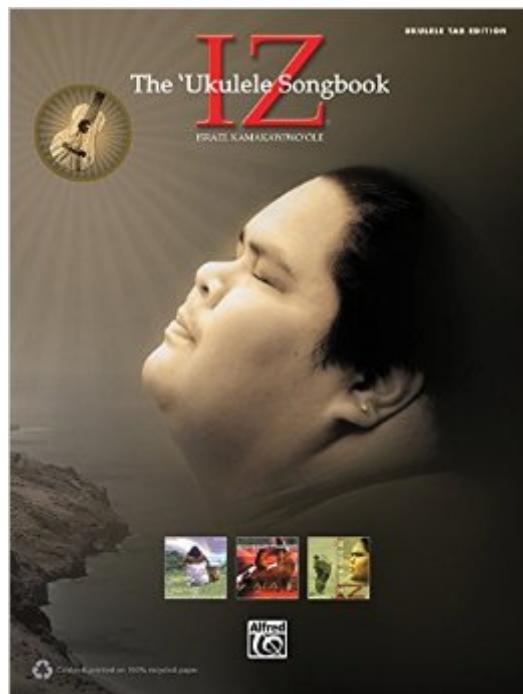


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# Iz -- The Ukulele Songbook: Ukulele TAB



## **Synopsis**

The current worldwide appreciation of ukulele music can easily be traced to one man, Israel "Iz" Kamakawiwo'ole. Israel's music conveys joy and hope and is loved the world over. When writing the book From the Corner of His Eye, author Dean Koontz found inspiration in Iz's music, stating, "I hope that the reader finds pleasure in my story equal to the joy and consolation that I found in the voice, the spirit, and the heart of Israel Kamakawiwo'ole." Tragically, Iz passed away at the age of 38 in 1997. The state flag of Hawaii was flown at half mast as he lay in state at the Hawaiian capitol building. He was the third person in Hawaiian history to be bestowed this honor. Ten thousand people attended his funeral and thousands gathered to witness as his ashes were scattered at Makua Beach. This songbook contains 13 songs transcribed for ukulele exactly as Iz performed them. Titles: 'Ama'ama \* Hawai'i '78 \* A Hawaiian Like Me \* Henehene Kou 'Aka \* Ka Huila Wai \* Ka Pua U'i \* Keyhole Hula (Kauoha Mai) \* Kuhio Bay \* Na Ka Pueo \* Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World \* Panini Puakea \* 'Ulili E \* White Sandy Beach \* The Wind Beneath My Wings/He Hawai'i Au.

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There are two versions of this book: one for guitar and one for ukulele. This one's for ukulele. If you are just strumming the chords (and you know your chords,) it doesn't really matter which book you get, but if you need reminders about where to put your fingers on the frets while you're playing the chords buy this one. It includes a chord diagram above every chord in every song which makes it

much easier to learn the songs. Several reviews write that this book is too advanced for them, but there is a good variety of levels among the songs: Beginning Na Ka Pueo (C, F, & G7), Keyhole Hula (Kauhoa Mai) (G, C, D7), 'Ulili E (C, F, G7 with an extra note on the F that can be left off and a C5 that can be played as a simple C if desired) Intermediate (Each song has the basic chords with a couple of new chords added in to give it a richer sound. These range from super-easy chords like Gsus or G9, or more advanced chords like Bbmaj7 and Bbm) Over The Rainbow - What A Wonderful World Medley, White Sandy Beach, Panini Puakea, He Hawai'i Au, Hawaii 78, Hawaiian Like Me, 'Ama 'Ama, Ka Kua U'i, Kuhio Bay Advanced (Each song has a mostly more advanced chords that change quickly) Hene Kou 'Aka, Ka Huila Wai, Wind Beneath My Wings The bottom line for most people looking at this book is whether they can play Over The Rainbow/What A Wonderful World and White Sandy Beach: On Over The Rainbow there's a G/B, but a plain old G sounds almost the same, there's a C played as a barre chord on the third fret, but a regular C works, there's an Am7 & an Em7, but in both cases plain Am & Em can be played. If you've been playing for a little while you should be able to play this song in a basic way.

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