

Princess Poopooly (Pupule)

words & music by Harry Owens, 1940



F
Princess Poopooly has plenty papayas
G7
And she loves to give it away
C7
Now all of the neighbors they say
F C7
Oh mea oh mya
F C7 F
You really should try a little piece

Of the Princess Poopooly's papaya
(vamp G7-C7-F)
F
Princess Poopooly's not truly unruly
G7
To pass out papayas each day
C7
For all of the neighbors they say
F C7
She may give the fruit
F C7
But she holds on to the root
F
And so she has the fruit

and the root to boot
(vamp G7-C7-F)
A
One bright Sunday afternoon
E7 A
It was field day in her papaya groves
C Gdim
But I reached the gate an hour too late
G7 C7
The customers were lined up in droves

F
So let this be a warning

Go early in the morning
G7
And it is true you'll never rue the day
C7 F
The Princess Poopooly has plenty
D7
papaya
G7 C7 F
And she loves to give it away
F D7
I mean papaya
G7 C7 F
She loves to give it away

Source: Our Hawaii by Bob Krauss -
Poopooly is a play on the Hawaiian word
pupule. Written for Carmen Joyce, a Ziegfield
Follies chorus girl who arrived in Hawaii
1924, at age 26, to dance in the chorus line of
a show booked in the Princess Theater. The
show ran 10 weeks, Carmen fell in love with
Hawaii, took up residence and married
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