

# Mp3 Jim Kimo West - Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar-kimo Style



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Warm and island-y acoustic instrumentals from this slack key guitar master: one of the most unique purveyors of the Hawaiian "ki ho'alu tradition. 13 MP3 Songs WORLD: Hawaiian, WORLD: Island Show all album songs: Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar-Kimo Style Songs Details: In 1985, after a long summer on tour playing guitar for musical satirist Weird Al Yankovic, Jim West made his first trip to Hana, Maui and fell in love with cultural and physical landscape of Hawaii, sometimes spending a couple months a year there. It was there that he also discovered ki hoalu or as it is more commonly called, slack key guitar, an old Hawaiian style of playing where the strings are loosened or slacked to different tunings, allowing the bass, chords and melody to be played simultaneously. Playing strictly for fun and relaxation, he was soon accepted into the inner circle of the most famous slack key artists and was given the name, "Kimo", Hawaiian for "James". Following his groundbreaking releases "Coconut Hat and "Slack Key West", "Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar-Kimo Style", is Kimo's third CD. A collection of original compositions and new slack key arrangements of classic Hawaiian songs, "Kimo-Style" conjures up a warm, tropical ambiance and is full of interesting guitar textures. Standout tracks include a beautiful arrangement of John Lennon's "Imagine and a virtuosic solo arrangement of the hapa-haole classic "Little Grass Shack".

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