

## Essay Contest Entry

How will <u>I</u>change the world with my new ukulele? That is such a loaded question. It almost seems impossible that a two foot by one foot piece of wood can make such a huge difference. Music has so much power that can make huge changes. To many things and to many people.

The power of music can unite so many people together. It has the power to speak for someone who can't. Music can be an inspiring hook that can lead someone in the right direction. Music can speak for us when we don't have the energy to speak. Music can open new doors and opportunities for other people. I plan to use this tool in my own way.

I will use my ukulele to inspire others to try new things. I will use my ukulele to put people in a happy mood when feeling down. Me and my ukulele will bring entertainment to the stage. Another way I will use my new ukulele is by reminding people why this instrument is so important.

The ukulele is an amazing instrument. It has the power to replace a frown with a smile. My ukulele has the power to bring pleasure to an audience. The ukulele is part of our history. Our Hawaiian history. We must treasure this amazing piece of wood.

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