

# Royal Wedding Of Paturuturuariki

# Black Tie International - Tahiti

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This dance of seduction, an invitation to Karel for the nuptial rights. The singing and the sound of drums breaking the silence of the night. The Native Dancers alternating with the roaring of the ocean. The flower-crowned guests watched in wondrous awe. The unrelenting ocean crossing the reef in a crescendo. While the full moon gave its blessing in smiling cool glory that was the night of the royal wedding of Paturuturuariki.

True to their tri-cultural life, Tahitian, French and the mix of the two, the wedding rituals of the beautiful Moea Tapare of Tahiti and Karel Gaultier of France took place over three days with celebrations lasting for a week.

