Just about everyone has heard the old saying, "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade." That was advice that Kahnma K and Rawnie Lovely of JookBox City took to heart when confronted with a spiteful neighbor, who decided she didn't like the two, and used her friendship with their landlord to get them evicted. Rather than dwell on the issue or hold a grudge against the old neighbor, they used the experience as inspiration for the song Wishing Well. With a cheerful, funk tinged reggae beat and a catchy chorus, the song carries a timeless message of turning the other cheek when wronged. And now the song has become the first single for their recently formed Reggae-R&B fusion group JookBox City.

Since their first show in downtown Honolulu in the fall of 2012, JookBox City has been building a quiet rumble amongst musicians and music fans in the Honolulu music scene. All four members of the band are seasoned veterans of the local scene, in addition to having mainland and international experience under their belt. The group is the brainchild of hyper-energetic front-man and keyboardist Rawnie Lovely. Filling out the vocals with beautiful melodies and ethereal harmonies is Rawnie's partner in rhyme, Kahnma K. For drum and bass, Rawnie hand picked two of his favorites, creating the Triple A Riddim Section: Amos Zollo and Aaron “Dubalator” Friedman.

The band's tight arrangements and deft fusion of Reggae, Hip Hop, R&B, Ska and Dancehall instantly made an impact amongst other musicians. Following a gig with Kings of Spade, singer KC wrote:

“If y’all didn't stick around to hear JookBox City cap off the night at Motown Valentine's you missed one of the biggest highlights... I had no idea how talented Rawnie Lovely was on keys and Kahnma K was a shining star singing and rapping and getting the crowd going... One of my new favorite bands for sure!”

JookBox City's explosive sets at the 2012 Mai Tai Rumble, where they reached the finals, exposed them to a wider audience, and gave the band a chance to really gel. Since then the group has been perfecting their live show and working hard in the studio on their first EP. The first song off that EP, Wishing Well was featured on 93.1 Da Pa‘ina's “Go or No Go“ show, where it reportedly received the most “go” votes in the history of the show. Wishing Well is soon to be available on JookBoxCity.com as well as all MP3 stores. A video for the song is in the works as well and will be coming soon.

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