

Original:

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Line edited:

As the plane descends and the clouds disperse, the scene emerges and I feel alive. The narrow runway juts out into the clear-blue sea, welcoming us to the island. It's a living postcard, as sailboats drift in front of the Hawaiian backdrop. I have dreamed of this moment my entire life. With my first breath of ocean air, palm trees dancing over my head, and birds singing and flying through the airport, the tension lifts from my body, changing my entire view of life.

With Track Changes:

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Suggestions only:

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Commented [AG1]: "I feel myself come alive" is very passive, and "the beauty before me" is vague. I would shorten it to simply "I feel alive," as you describe the beauty in the rest of the paragraph.

Commented [AG2]: This sentence is full of adjectives (narrow, clear, blue), but an easy fix would be to combine these two into one compound adjective: "clear-blue."

Commented [AG3]: To avoid the adverb, consider a verb that means "float calmly"—perhaps "drift" or "rock" or "sway." Also, "in the water" could be cut, as it's implied by a sailboat drifting, rocking, swaying, etc.

Commented [AG4]: This feels awkward. The entire phrase should be simplified. Here is one suggestion for the entire sentence: "It's a living postcard, as sailboats drift in front of the Hawaiian backdrop."

Commented [AG5]: This entire sentence needs to be simplified as well. Since we already know you're in Hawaii, I'd cut it down to "I have dreamed of this moment my entire life." And I'd drop the rest of the sentence completely—it feels disconnected, vague, and unnecessary. Stay in the moment, in the narrator's point of view.

Commented [AG6]: This sentence needs work. "With" would make more sense than "from." And I'd say "my first breath" as opposed to "the first fresh breath," cutting an adjective and again staying in the narrator's POV. The rest of the sentence needs to be simplified by removing passive voice and redundancy.

Here is one suggestion for the entire sentence: "With my first breath of ocean air, palm trees dancing over my head, and birds singing and flying through the airport, the tension lifts from my body, changing my entire view of life." (I incorporated the final sentence as well.)

Commented [AG7]: I would either cut this sentence or attach it to the previous sentence. (See the example above.) This sentence is in past tense, but the rest of the paragraph is in present tense. "The very first day on the island" doesn't make sense here, because you've just landed at the airport. If you prefer to keep this as a separate sentence, then I'd suggest something like "My first few minutes on the island have already changed my view of life."