

I Ali'I Nō 'Oe (You Are A Chief)

Traditional

Key: C - D Tempo: 155bpm

*backup singers on repeat

Intro: (ukulele) D7/2 G7/2 C/4 (band) D7/2 G7/2 C/2 G7/2

2X C/8 G7/4 C/4
I ali'i nō 'oe, i kanaka au lā
C/8 G7/4 C/4 D7/2 G7/2 C/4
Malalo aku au a 'i ko leo lā

You're like a chief, I am a subject
I'm under the power of your word

I stay and I cook for you
Like a servant for all your needs

2X C/8 G7/4 C/4
I noho aku au a 'i kuke nāu lā
C/8 G7/4 C/4 D7/2 G7/2 C/4
I kuene ho'i no ko nui kino lā

You, though are totally unaffectionate
To these eyes that wink at you

Do express some softness there
The 'amakihī has fragile bones

(pa'ani - steel) C/8 G7/4 C/4 C/8 G7/4 C/4 D7/2 G7/2 C/4

This is a pillar of strength
The tether is squeaking now

2X C/8 G7/4 C/4
He keu 'oe a ke aloha 'ole lā
C/8 G7/4 C/4 D7/2 G7/2 C/4
I nēia mau maka 'imo aku nei lā

Tell the story in the refrain
You are like a chief, I a subject

2X C/8 G7/4 C/4
Hō 'ike mai nō, a he palupalu lā
C/8 G7/4 C/4 D7/2 G7/2 C/4
A he 'iwi ha'i wale ko ka 'amakihī lā

(pa'ani - guitar) C/8 G7/4 C/4 C/8 G7/4 C/4 D7/2 G7/2 C/4

2X C/8 G7/4 C/4
'O ka pou kaena iho kēia lā
C/8 G7/4 C/4 D7/2 G7/2 C/4
E 'uī'uī nei ke kaula 'ili lā

(pa'ani - bass) C/1///1/// G7/1/// C/1/1 C/1///1/// G7/1/// C/1/1 D7/2 G7/2 C/2 A7/2

2X D/8 A7/4 D/4
Ha'ina 'ia mai ana ka puana lā
D/8 A7/4 D/4 1: E7/2 A7/2 D/4
I ali'i nō oe, i kanaka au lā
2: E7/2 A7/2 [C-C#-D] D/1