

Lē'ahi

G D7
Lē'ahi, 'uhe'uhene
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Kaimana Hila, 'uhe'uhene
C G D7
Hōkū o ka 'ale kai Māmala, 'uhe'uhene

Lēʻahi Diamond Head Star of the billows of Māmala Mālama 'oe, 'uhe'uhene

I ka poe pele, 'uhe'uhene

O ili kāua i ka pūko'a, 'uhe'uhene

Be careful About the buoy with the bell Lest we go aground on the reef

'O ka poe kaulana, 'uhe'uhene

Kau i ka nuku, 'uhe'uhene

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Nāna e ho'owale nei i ka moana, 'uhe'uhene

The famous buoy
Placed at the harbor mouth
Which entices one to the open sea

G D7
Hā'awi ke aloha, 'uhe'uhene
Lūlū lima, 'uhe'uhene
C G D7
Me nā huapala maka onaona, 'uhe'uhene

Give fond greetings
A shaking of hands
With the sweet-faced young
beauties

Ha'ina 'ia mai, 'uhe'uhene

Ana ka puana, 'uhe'uhene

Goodbye kāua, e ke aloha, 'uhe'uhene

And so it shall be told Through this story Goodbye for us, my love

Mary Pūla'a Robins wrote about Lē'ahi, Diamond Head, which marks the eastern boundary of Māmala Bay. Mary Robins' husband was a lighthouse keeper, so she had a special awareness of things like buoys, reefs and bays, but more than simple maritime observation may be at hand in this mele. 1895.