Hanu ʻAʻala

Puakea Nogelmeier/Kamaka Kukona

Intro: G/4 C/4 G/4 C/3 rest/1

Key: G Tempo: 70 BPM

2x
G/8 C/8
ʻAʻahu ʻo Mānoa i ka ʻahu o te Tuahine
G/8 C/8
Ke kāhiko maila i ka lehua o ka uka wehi nei
D7/4 C/2 Am/2 G/4 C/4 G/4 C/4
He wehi nō ia no Akāka kau mai i luna ooo

1x
D7/4 C/4 D7/4 C/4
I leo o ka leo kaʻu e liʻa nei
Em/4 C/3 rest/1 G/4 C/4 G/4 C/4
ʻO ia ʻala anuhea i hola no ia ooo

2x
G/8 C/8
Akāka ke aloha e māpumāpu mai nei
G/8 C/8
Māpu maila me he leo ʻaʻala
D7/4 C/2 Am/2 G/4 C/4 G/4 C/4
E honehone mai ana i ka poli aloha e, aloha e

1x
D7/4 C/4 D7/4 C/4
I leo o ka leo kaʻu e liʻa nei
Em/4 C/3 rest/1 G/4 C/4 G/4 C/4 G/4 C/3 (wait) G/1
ʻO ia ʻala anuhea i hola no ia ooo ooo ooo

Mānoa Valley is draped with the cloak of the Tuahine rain
Enhancing the beautiful lehua of these verdant highlands
As an adornment of Akāka, placed there on high

A voice, such a voice is what I have longed for
And this sweet redolence embodies it all

Love is manifest, clearly discernable in the way it flows forth
Radiating like a voice bearing only the sweetest of fragrances
Gently stirring emotions here in my loving heart

This mele was written by Puakea Nogelmeier and presented to me on August 24, 2004. It was a gift of oli for the opening blessing ceremony of our school, Hālau o Ka Hānu Lehua, in its original Puckʻs Alley studio. Such a humbling honor it is to have a mele written our honor. Although the Hālau has since relocated to the island of Maui, the foundation on Oʻahu is still deeply rooted. This is dedicated to all the haumāna both past and present, who have one upon a time inhaled the essence. Mahalo e Puakea

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