

we chant

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He Mele Inoa O Kalākaua (Kalākaua He Inoa)

Traditional: This mele is said to have been modified to glorify his majesty King David Kalākaua. It was not an uncommon practice for one chief to acquire the mele of another. It may have been that the inheritor of the mele was a direct descendant of the original owner, or the strength in the words and its many hidden meanings and embellishments would become a part of the inheritor's make-up.

pa UKK UKK UKK UK
Kaholo UKK UK

'O Kalākaua he inoa UKK UK throughout
O Ka pua mae'ole i ka lā
Kalākaua is his name
A flower that never fades in the sun

He
Ka pua maila i ka mauna
I ke kuahiwi o Mauna Kea
It blooms on the summit
In the forest of Mauna Kea

Ke 'ā maila i Kīlauea
Mālamalama i Wahinekapu
Burning bright at Kīlauea
Illuminating Wahinekapu

A ka luna Uwēkahuna
I ka pali kapu o Ka'aua
Upon the heights of Uwēkahuna
Is the sacred cliff of Ka'aua

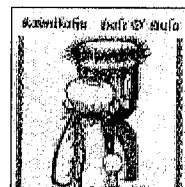
Ea mai ke ali'i kia manu
Ua wehi i ka hulu o ka mamo
Come forth king of bird catchers
Adorned with the plumage of the mamo

Ka pua nani a'o Hawai'i
'O Kalākaua he inoa UKK UKK UKK UK repeat
He is the beautiful flower of Hawai'i
Kalākaua is his name

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Kaimikahu Hale O Hula



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