



Hilo Hula

^G Kaulana mai nei 'o ^{G7} Hilo 'eā

^C Ka ua ^G Kanilehua 'eā

^{E7} Ka ua ho'opulu 'ili ^{A7} 'eā

^{D7} Ka 'ili o ka malihini ^G 'eā

Renowned is Hilo
For the rain that sings upon the
lehua
The rain that soaks the skin
The skin of the visitors

^G Nani wale ho'i ka ^{G7} 'ikena 'eā

^C Ka nani o Waiākea ^G 'eā

^{E7} Ka wai o Waiolama ^{A7} 'eā

^{D7} Mālamalama Hawai'i ^G 'eā

So very beautiful is the view
Of the loveliness of Waiākea
The waters of Waiolama
All of Hawai'i is brightened

^G Kaulana ho'i Mokuola ^{G7} 'eā

^C He moku 'au i ke kai ^G 'eā

^{E7} E ho'opulu 'ili nei ^{A7} 'eā

^{D7} Ka hunehune kai ^G 'eā

Well known is Mokuola
An island jetting out in the sea
The skin is being soaked
By the flying seaspray

^G Lei ana i ka lei nani ^{G7} 'eā

^C Ka pua o ka lehua ^G 'eā

^{E7} Ha'ina mai ka puana ^{A7} 'eā

^{D7} No ka ua Kanilehua ^G 'eā

Wearing the lovely lei
The blossom of the lehua
The story is told
Of the rain that sings upon the lehua

Joe Kalima tells of the Kanilehua, the rain that sings upon the lehua trees, one of the familiar regional rains of the Hilo district. Every area on each island has a number of different and recognizable rains and winds unique to that place, and each wind and rain has a proper name to distinguish it.