



I Ali'i Nō 'Oe

^C I ali'i nō oe, i ^{G7} kanaka au lā
^{G7} Ma lalo aku au a i ^C ko leo lā

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

^C I noho aku au a i ^{G7} kuke nāu lā
^{G7} I kuene ho'i no ^C ko nui kino lā

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

^C He keu 'oe a ^{G7} ke aloha 'ole lā
^{G7} I nēia mau maka 'imo aku nei lā ^C

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

^C Hō'ike mai nō, a he ^{G7} palupalu lā
^{G7} A he iwi ha'i wale ko ka ^C 'amakihi lā

Do express some softness there
The 'amakihi has fragile bones

^C 'O ka pou kaena iho ^{G7} kēia lā
^{G7} E 'uī'uī nei ke ^C kaula 'ili lā

This is a pillar of strength
The tether is squeaking now

^C Ha'ina 'ia mai ana ka ^{G7} puana lā
^{G7} I ali'i nō 'oe, i ^C kanaka au lā

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

I treat you like royalty and labor on your behalf. You don't appreciate my efforts, and problems are arising. Be careful.