



Kimo Hula

^C Aia i ka uka o Pi'ihonua
^{F G7} Ke kīhāpai pua ulumāhie
^{E7} I laila au lā 'ike i ka nani
^{F C} O nā pua 'ala a he nui wale
^{G7} Ho'ohihi nā manu o ke kuahiwi
^{E7} Nā 'i'iwi maka pōlena
^{F C} I ka 'ono o ka wai o nā pua
^{G7} O Moanike'ala i ka uluwehiwehi

In the uplands of Pi'ihonua
 A flower garden in beautiful array
 There I see the beauty
 Of the flowers, fragrant, in great profusion

^C Mahalo iā 'oe, e ka hoa aloha
^{F G7} I ka ho'okipa i nā malihini
^{E7} Eia ko lei poina 'ole
^{F C} 'O Leimakani, Leionaona
^{G7} Ha'ina 'ia mai ana ka puana
^{E7} Moanike'ala i ka uluwehiwehi
^{F C} Hea aku mākou, e ō mai 'oe
^{G7} Kimo o ka uka 'iu'iu he inoa

The birds of the forest are attracted here
 The yellow-eyed 'i'iwi
 At the sweet nectar of the flowers
 Of Moanike'ala's beautiful garden

Thank you, dear friend
 For the gracious hospitality to visitors
 Here is your unforgettable beloved
 Leimakani, Leionaona

The story is told
 Moanike'ala, beautifully verdant
 We call, you answer
 Kimo of the highlands, your name song

Moanike'ala, in Pi'ihonua, high above Hilo, was the home of Kimo and Leimakani Henderson. This mele was written by Helen Desha Beamer as she journeyed to Pi'ihonua, completed by the time of her arrival and performed as a gift of thanks to her hosts. 1953. Translation by Mahi'ai Beamer.