

Key: F Tempo: 108 BPM

# Lei Lihilihi Lehua

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Intro: Mike count in, play: B $\flat$ /4

all join : F/2 C7/2 F/4, G7/2 C7/2 F/4

Background vocals  
harmonize throughout

2X F/4 C7/2 F/2  
Onaona ku'u maka i ka beauty o ia lei

B $\flat$ /4 F/4  
Pua nani auli'i o ka lehua ē

Musical notation for the first two lines of the song. It shows a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B $\flat$ ). The first line has a B $\flat$  chord with a triplet of eighth notes (5-5-5) and a quarter note (10). The second line has an F chord (9), a C7 chord (10-7), and an F chord (7-4). The third line has an F chord (8), a C7 chord (10-6-6), and an F chord (3-6-5). Below the staff, the lyrics are: A - lo-ha i ku-'u le - i li - hi - li - hi le - hu - a

B $\flat$ /4 F/2 C7/2 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/4  
Aloha i ku'u lei lihilihi lehua

My eyes are allured by the beauty of this lei  
Of beautiful, exquisite buds of lehua  
My affection is for the lei lihilihi lehua

2X F/4 C7/2 F/2  
Lehua nā 'āpane i ka ua Lilinoe

B $\flat$ /4 F/4  
A li hau mai nei i ke anu ko'eko'e

B $\flat$ /4 F/2 C7/2 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/4  
Aloha i ka pua pili i ka pu'uwai

The 'āpane trees are laden with blossoms in the Lilinoe rain  
Kept moist and fresh in the damp cold  
(My) affection is for this blossom close to my heart

2X F/4 C7/2 F/2  
Kui 'ia nā pua i mohala a'e nei

B $\flat$ /4 F/4  
Me ka pua 'ula a me ka pua mele ē

B $\flat$ /4 F/2 C7/2 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/4  
He pua 'oe na'u e lei mau ai

Unfolded blossoms are strung  
With red and yellow flowers  
You are my blossom, a lei always worn

1X F/4 C7/2 F/2  
Puana ka mana'o me ke aloha ē

B $\flat$ /4 F/4  
No ka pua lei ali'i lehua nani ē

B $\flat$ /4 F/2 C7/2 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/4  
Aloha i ku'u lei lihilihi lehua

Told are my thoughts with affection  
For this beautiful, royal flower lei  
My affection is for the lei lihilihi lehua.

1X F/4 C7/2 F/2  
Puana ka mana'o me ke aloha ē

B $\flat$ /4 F/4  
No ka pua lei ali'i lehua nani ē

Fingerings for chords: Eb (E-flat), E, F, and F6. Eb is shown with dots on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th strings. E is shown with dots on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd strings. F is shown with dots on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd strings, with a '3' next to it. F6 is shown with dots on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th strings, with a '5' next to it.

B $\flat$ /4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/1 Eb/1 E/1 F/1 pause F6  
Aloha i ku'u lei lihilihi lehua

Source: Kuana Torres Kahele CD *Hawai'i Keawe*