



Mele O Lāna‘i

^D He mele kēia ^G ‘āina o ^D Lāna‘i
^{A7} Ka huina li‘ili‘i o nā ^D mokupuni
^G Li‘ili‘i ka mana‘o me ka ^D ‘ōlelo
^{A7} Mea nui o nā moku ^D ‘āina

This is a song for Lāna‘i
The smallest one of the islands
Little thought or spoken of
But important in the island chain

^D Kona pua pono‘ī ke kauna‘oa
^{A7} Ua ‘oi kona u‘i mua ka ^D lehua
^G Ka waiho‘olu‘u like me ke ^D gula
^{A7} Pili me kukuna o ka ^D lā

Its own flower is the kauna‘oa
Its beauty greater than the lehua
The color is like that of gold
Like the shimmering rays of the sun

^D Ka mea nui o kēia ^G ‘ailana
^{A7} Ka hala kahiki e ho‘owaiwai
^G E ho‘okaulana ^D ‘oe i kou inoa
^{A7} ‘Imi ola no ka ^D lehulehu

The important thing of this island
Pineapple that brings prosperity
You shall make your name famous
Gaining a living for the populace

^D Ha‘ina ‘ia mai ana ka puana
^{A7} Pumehana kou inoa a‘o ^D Lāna‘i
^G Li‘ili‘i oe ke aloha ^D nui
^{A7} He mana‘o poina ^D ‘ole

The story is told in the refrain
Warm affection for your name Lāna‘i
You are little but much loved
And never to be forgotten

Val Kepilino wrote this for his sisters, who were to ride on the Lāna‘i float in the 1948 Kamehameha Day Parade and needed a song for the occasion.