

Key: F Tempo: 96 BPM

Nā Pua Ka 'Ilima (Nā Pua Lei 'Ilima?)

Intro:

Abbey Palea? (credited to Kau'i Zuttermeister)

F/8 C7/4 F/2 F7/2
Nani wale nā pua lei ka 'ilima

Backup vocals harmonize each verse
second time

Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/4
'O ka u'i ho'oheno o Kākuhihewa

Beautiful is the wreath of 'ilima blossoms
An adornment of Kakuhihewa that is cherished

F/8 C7/4 F/2 F7/2
Ho'ohihi ka mana'o lā i laila

Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/4
Nā pua lei 'ilima e kaulana nei

My thoughts are forever captured by
The blossoms of lei 'ilima, so famous

F/8 C7/4 F/2 F7/2
Kūlana hiehie me ka hanohano

Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/4
Ha'aeheo i ka maka ke 'ike aku

Outstanding, regal and elegant
It is magnificent to the eye

F/8 C7/4 F/2 F7/2
Kaulana nā pua lei ka 'ilima

Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/4
Ke kikowaena o nā 'ailana

Famous are the blossoms of lei 'ilima
That represent the capitol of our islands

F/8 C7/4 F/2 F7/2
'Ohu'ohu wale ai nā malihini

Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/4
Ka nani kaulana pōina 'ole

Honored guests are bedecked (with leis)
Famed is the beauty, never to be forgotten

F/8 C7/4 F/2 F7/2
Ha'ina 'ia mai ana ka puana

Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/4
Nā pua lei 'ilima e kaulana nei

Tell the refrain
Of the famous wreaths of 'ilima

From huapala (https://www.kalena.com/huapala/NA/Na_Pua_Lei_Ilima.html)

Source: Lani Kaleiki, daughter of Louise Kaleiki and granddaughter of Isaia Kaleiki (born in Pukaiki, Ni'ihau in 1908) - This mele was composed by Abbey Palea, Louise Kaleiki's cousin from Ni'ihau. Abbey Palea gave it to a family member, who traveled to Honolulu and passed it on to her friend who worked for the Department of Parks and Recreation. Kau'i Zuttermeister was teaching hula at the Parks and Recreation and was given the mele to set to music. It remained in her possession and was soon recorded. No copyright was applied for and unfortunately, Abbey Palea's name was lost and not given the credit.



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A

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Intro: Mike Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4

Everyone: G7/2 C7/2 F/2 C+/2

(Nā Pua Lei 'Ilima?)

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B

F/1 rest/7 C7/4 F/2 F7/2
Nani wale nā pua lei ka 'ilima

Backup vocals harmonize each verse

Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/2 C+/2
'O ka u'i ho'oheno o Kākuhihewa

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An adornment of Kakuhihewa that is cherished

C

F/8 C7/4 F/2 F7/2, Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/2 C+/2
(pa'ani Mike)

D

F/8 C7/4 F/2 F7/2
Ho'ohihi ka mana'o lā i laila

My thoughts are forever captured by
The blossoms of lei 'ilima, so famous

Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/2 C+/2
Nā pua lei 'ilima e kaulana nei

E

F/8 C7/4 F/2 F7/2, Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/2 C+/2
(pa'ani Nicole)

F

F/8 C7/4 F/2 F7/2
'Ohu'ohu wale ai nā malihini

Honored guests are bedecked (with leis)
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Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/2 C+/2
Ka nani kaulana pōina 'ole

G

2x

F/8 C7/4 F/2 F7/2
Ha'ina 'ia mai ana ka puana

Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 1: F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/2 C+/2 repeat
Nā pua lei 'ilima e kaulana nei

2: F/2 F7/2 go on Tell the refrain
Of the famous wreaths of 'ilima

Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/2 F#/2 F/1
Nā pua lei 'ilima e kaulana nei

