

Song of the Islands

NA LEI O HAWAII

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Slowly

Chords: F, D7, G7, C7, F, C7

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1. Na - ni Ha - wa - i - i ka mo - ku o Ke - a -
wai - i, isles of beau - ty, Where skies are blue and love is

Chords: F, F, D7, G7

we, _____ Lei ha - a - heo i ka le - hu - a a me ka ma -
true, _____ Where balm - y airs and gold - en moon - light, Ca - ress the _____

C7 F C7

i - le a o Pa - na - e - wa.
 wav-ing palms of Ho - no - lu - lu .

F C7 F C7

2. *Ki - la - ki - la o Mau - i la i - a*
 Your val - leys with their — rain - bows, Your moun-tains

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 Your val - leys with their — rain - bows, Your moun-tains

G7 C7 F F D7

Ha - le - a - ka la, Ua ka - pu Ro - se -
 green, the a - zure sea, Your fra-grant flow'rs, en - chant - ing

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 green, the a - zure sea, Your flow'rs, en - chant - ing



G7 C7 F

la - ni a - no - u ho - o - ka - hi wa - le no.
 mu - sic, U - nite and sing a - lo - ha oe to me.

la - ni a - no - u ho - o - ka - hi wa - le no wa - le no.
 mu - sic, U - nite and sing a - lo - ha oe to me, to me.

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a melody with lyrics in Hawaiian and English. The second staff is a vocal line in the same key, also with lyrics. The third staff is a piano accompaniment in G major, showing chords and a bass line. Chord symbols G7, C7, and F are placed above the first three measures of the vocal lines.

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One of the top comedy songs, of which there are many, is "Mama's Muu-muu" by Gene Burdette. "When Hilo Hattie Does the Hilo Hop," by Johnny Noble, sings of one of Hawaii's greatest and best-known entertainers.

It is this same Hilo Hattie who popularized, on the mainland as well as in the Islands, the amusing recital of the unorthodox characteristics of "The Cockeyed Mayor of Kaunakakai" (pronounced Cow-na-cock-eye), by Alex Anderson. There is no mayor of Kaunakakai, only a song about him. The town is

on the island of Molokai and its size does not warrant a mayor.

As the story goes, it began when Warner Baxter, a screen star of the 30's, came to visit Molokai. His ship docked at Kaunakakai and, with true "aloha" spirit, the celebrity was welcomed with a parade. A big luau was part of the celebration; a mammoth key was presented to him and he was made honorary mayor of Kaunakakai. That is when Anderson wrote the song and made the town and its non-existent mayor famous.