

Key: F-G-A Tempo: 96 BPM

# Nā Pua Ka ‘Ilima

## (Nā Pua Lei ‘Ilima?)

Abbey Palea? (credited to Kau‘i Zuttermeister)

Backup vocals harmonize each verse

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

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

Outstanding, regal and elegant  
It is magnificent to the eye

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

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

Tell the refrain  
Of the famous wreaths of ‘ilima

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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. Kauai 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.



A

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

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

B

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

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

C

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/2 C+/2  
Nā pua lei ‘ilima e kaulana nei

D

F/8 C7/4 F/2 F7/2, Bb/4 F/4 C7/4 F/4 G7/2 C7/2 F/2 D7/2  
(pa‘ani Mike)

E

G/8 D7/4 G/2 G7/2  
Kūlana hiehie me ka hanohano

C/4 G/4 D7/4 G/4 A7/2 D7/2 G/2 D7/2  
Ha‘aheo i ka maka ke ‘ike aku

F

G/8 D7/4 G/2 G7/2  
Kaulana nā pua lei ka ‘ilima

C/4 G/4 D7/4 G/4 A7/2 D7/2 G/2 D7/2  
Ke kikowaena o nā ‘ailana

G

G/8 D7/4 G/2 G7/2, C/4 G/4 D7/4 G/4, A7/2 D7/2 G/2 E7/2  
(pa‘ani Nicole)

H

A/8 E7/4 A/2 A7/2  
‘Ohu‘ohu wale ai nā malihini

D/4 A/4 E7/4 A/4 B7/2 E7/2 A/2 E7/2  
Ka nani kaulana pōina ‘ole

I

2x

A/8 E7/4 A/2 A7/2  
Ha‘ina ‘ia mai ana ka puana

D/4 A/4 E7/4 1: A/4 B7/2 E7/2 A/2 E7/2 repeat  
Nā pua lei ‘ilima e kaulana nei

2: A/2 A7/2 go on

D/4 A/4 E7/4 A/4 B7/2 E7/2 A/2 Bb/2 A/1  
Nā pua lei ‘ilima e kaulana nei