



Nani Nu‘uanu

F D7 G7
Nani Nu‘uanu i ka ua a līhau
C7 F F7
Kilihune i ke oho o ka palai
Bb Bbm F D7
I laila ku‘u lani ‘elo ē
Gm C7 F F7
Ua pulu i ka huna wai ‘ōhelo

Nu‘uanu is beautiful, refreshed in the gentle rain
Misting down upon the fern fronds
There my heavenly one is drenched
Wetted with droplets of rosy mist



Bb F D7
Eia aku nei paha ‘o Kalani
G7 C7
I ke kui lei kāmakahala
F D7 Gm Bbm
Wili ‘ia me ka ‘awapuhi
F D7 G7 C7 F
Onaona i ka lau na‘ena‘e

chorus:

Here perhaps is the heavenly one
Stringing the kāmakahala lei
Entwined with the ginger blossoms
Sweet with heady fragrance

F D7 G7
Lamalama ē ke kino o Kalani
C7 F F7
Wehiwehi i ka liko ‘ākōlea
Bb Bbm F D7
Ilihia i ke ‘ala anuheā
Gm C7 F F7
He mau he moani ke pili

The body of the heavenly one is aglow
Adorned in ‘ākōlea buds
Awesome with the cool fresh scent
Ever fragrant in embrace

Kau‘i Wilcox makes full use of her garden to describe her beloved. Translation by Carol Silva.