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Pua Mae 'Ole

C/2 C1/2 D-1/2 C/A7/4
Ku'u pua, ku'u pua mae 'ole

Nou mau ko'u li'a 'ana
My blossom, my unfading flower
My hopes are always for you

He nohea 'oe'i ku'u maka la
You are beautiful in my sight
Now and forever

A ho na kau a kau
1: G7/4 repeat
2: C/4

2X

E hui B1/4 E/8

Nani he u'i ka wahine la
A he lei wehi no na kupuna
chorus:
Beautiful, the woman is lovely
And an adorning lei for the elders
My blossom, my unfading flower
For you is this song of mine

Ku'u pua, ku'u pua mae 'ole

Nou ku'u mele nei
1: C
2: A7 tag

2x's
Kuu pua mae'ole

John "Squeeze" Kamana left us not only this song, but the story of its creation. Squeeze had the music in his mind as early as 1933, in the days when he would sit under the tree on the beach by the Moana Hotel playing music and watching his young daughter, Leone Kananipuamae'ole, play in the water. But it wasn't until 1954, that the poetry came to him, a song complete, when he visualized her running up from the water, blossoming from a small child into a beautiful grown woman. It was the Prize Song for Kamehameha School song contest in 1955, and a favorite of Alfred Apaka.

