



# Pua Mae 'Ole

C            C7 F        D-            C A7  
 Ku'u pua, ku'u pua mae 'ole  
               F            G7        C        G7  
 Nou mau ko'u li'a 'ana  
               C C7 F        D-            C            A7  
 He nohea 'oe i ku'u maka lā  
 F            G7            C  
 A no nā kau a kau

My blossom, my unfading flower  
 My hopes are always for you  
 You are beautiful in my sight  
 Now and forever



E            B7            E  
 Nani, he u'i ka wahine lā  
               G            D7            G7  
 A he lei wehi no nā kūpuna  
               C C7 F        D-            C A7  
 Ku'u pua, ku'u pua mae 'ole  
 F            G7            C  
 Nou ku'u mele nei

*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

*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.*