



Queen's Prayer

^G 'O ^{D7} kou ^{Em} aloha nō

^{A7} Aia i ka ^{D7} lani

^G A 'o ^C kou 'oia 'i'o

^G He ^{D7} hemolele ^G ho'i

Oh Lord thy loving mercy
Is high as the heavens
It tells us of thy truth
And 'tis filled with holiness

^G Ko'u ^{D7} noho ^{Em} mihi 'ana

^{A7} A pa'ahao ^{D7} 'ia

^G 'O 'oe ^C ku'u lama

^G Kou ^{D7} nani, ^G ko'u ko'o

Whilst humbly meditating
Within these walls imprisoned
Thou art my light, my haven
Thy glory my support

^G Mai ^{D7} nānā ^{Em} 'ino'ino

^{A7} Nā ^{D7} hewa o kānaka

^G Akā ^C e huikala

^G A ma'ema'e ^{D7} nō ^G

Oh look not on their failings
Nor on the sins of men
Forgive with loving kindness
That we might be made pure

^G No ^{D7} laila ^{Em} e ka Haku

^{A7} Ma ^{D7} lalo o kou 'ēheu

^G Ko ^C mākou maluhia

^G A mau ^{D7} loa ^G aku nō

^C 'Āmene ^G

For Thy grace I beseech thee
Bring us 'neath thy protection
And peace will be our portion
Now and forevermore
Amen

Originally entitled Ke Aloha o Ka Haku, this saddest and most forgiving of songs was written by Queen Lili'uokalani in 1895 after seven weeks of imprisonment. She entitled the translation The Lord's Mercy. Translation by Lili'uokalani.