



## Sweet Lei Mamo

<sup>C</sup> Wehiwehi ka uka i ka <sup>C7</sup> nahele  
<sup>F</sup> Ka popohe lau o ka <sup>C</sup> palai  
<sup>C7</sup> <sup>F</sup> <sup>C</sup> Hau lipolipo i ke onaona  
<sup>G7</sup> <sup>C</sup> Hoa pili o ke 'a'ali'i

The forest adorns the highlands  
 The lush fronds of fern  
 Hau, dense with fragrance  
 Is a companion of the 'a'ali'i



<sup>C</sup> <sup>G7</sup> Sweet lei mamo  
<sup>C</sup> Lei o ke aloha  
<sup>C</sup> <sup>C7</sup> <sup>F</sup> <sup>A7</sup> <sup>D7</sup> Kāhiko nani o'u  
<sup>G7</sup> <sup>C</sup> Sweet lei mamo

*chorus:*  
 Sweet garland of yellow lehua  
 Garland of affection  
 My beautiful adornment  
 Sweet garland of yellow lehua

<sup>C</sup> <sup>C7</sup> Ka uhi pa'a a ka noe  
<sup>F</sup> <sup>C</sup> <sup>C7</sup> Ka luna 'olu o Kilohana  
<sup>F</sup> <sup>C</sup> I laila ho'i au i 'ike ai  
<sup>G7</sup> <sup>C</sup> Kahi wai hu'i o Leialoha

The soft mist enfolds  
 The gentle peaks of Kilohana  
 It is there that I witnessed  
 The bracing cool waters of Leialoha

<sup>C</sup> <sup>C7</sup> Honehone leo o ke kāhuli  
<sup>F</sup> <sup>C</sup> Leo le'a o ka wao kele  
<sup>C7</sup> <sup>C</sup> Ka 'iwi ka hoa e like ai  
<sup>G7</sup> <sup>C</sup> My sweet Lei Mamo

The sweet trill of the land shell  
 Cheery voice of the rain forest  
 The 'iwi is one that compares  
 To my sweet garland of yellow lehua

*It is assumed that the mamo referred to here is the yellow lehua, much prized for lei and mentioned here with other forest plants. The yellow feathers of the mamo bird were also fashioned into precious garlands worn by royalty in ancient times.*