

## Sweet Lei Mokihana

Sweet lei mokihana 'auhea 'oe Ku'u lei nani 'oe poina 'ole

Sweet lei of mokihana, this is for you You are my lei of beauty so unforgettable

Hoʻohihi ka manaʻo iā Hanalei Hanohano nō ʻoe he nani maoli nō

One's thoughts are captivated by Hanalei You are truly grand, so beautiful indeed

Ka' ehu o ke kai a'o Hā'ena Laua'e o Makana, 'o Nāmolokama

The spray of the sea at Hā'ena
The laua'e of Makana, and Nāmolokama's
cascading falls

Ha'ina 'ia mai ana ka puana Sweet lei mokihana poina 'ole

Tell the story in the refrain
The sweet lei of mokihana is unforgettable

George Mānoa Huddy III wrote of the mokihana, an anise-scented, hard green berry, found in abundance only on Kaua'i. It was designated as Kauai's official lei by the Hawai'i Territorial Legislature in 1923. 1950s.