



Wahīika‘ahu‘ula

^F He inoa kēia nou e ka lani
^{C7} E ka u‘i nohea o Hawai‘i nei

This is a name song for you, oh Royal One
Handsome beauty of this land, Hawai‘i

^F ‘O ‘oe nō ka heke i ka‘u ‘ike
^{C7} ‘O ka helu ‘ekahi o ke onaona

You are the finest in my vision
Foremost in sweetness and grace

^F Ua ka‘apuni au a puni Kaleponi
^{C7} Ua ‘ike i ka nani o American Beauty

I’ve travelled all around California
I’ve seen the splendor of American Beauty

^F ‘O ‘oe nō ka heke i ka‘u ‘ike lā
^{C7} Ka hau nani o Hawai‘i nei

You though, are the fairest I’ve witnessed
The beautiful cool dew of Hawai‘i

^F Nāna e haulani o Hale Ali‘i
^{C7} Ka paepae kapu o Līloa

The one who is a familiar at the Palace
The sacred stone platform of Līloa

^F Ha‘ina ka puana i lohe ‘ia
^{C7} ‘O Wahīika‘ahu‘ula he inoa ē

Tell the refrain, that it be heard
A name song for Wahīika‘ahu‘ula

This mele by Ruth Lilikalani honors Princess Abigail Kawānanakoa, whose name Wahīika‘ahu‘ula, means “wrap in a feather cape.” Within the family, it was played only for the princess and was quite solemn. 1923.