‘Akahi Ho‘i

F Bb
Aloha wale

C7 F
Pua hinahina

Bb
I lei ho‘ohie

C7 F
No ku‘u kino

Chorus:
Only now
Comes the arrival
Loving remembrance
Teasing my soul

F Bb
‘Akahi ho‘i

C7 F
Ka hikina mai

Bb
Ka hali‘a ‘ana

C7 F
Hone i ka lipo

F Bb
‘O loko hana

C7 F
Nui ka ‘ano‘i

Bb
Ka hali‘a ‘ana

C7 F
Me ke aloha

The Hawaiian March was composed and played by Henry Berger at his first appearance as conductor of His Majesty’s Band in 1872. Kalākaua later took one of the two melodies in The Hawaiian March, put words to it, slowed down its tempo, and called it ‘Akahi Ho‘i, “Tis for Thee Alone.” It was published under Kalākaua’s pen name “Figgs.”