Kaua‘i Beauty

Hanohano Kaua‘i, Manokalanipō
Kihapai pua, ua kaulana

Glorious is Kaua‘i of chief Manokalanipō
A flower garden that is renowned

C E7 Am C7 F A7 D7
‘Ohu‘ohu i ka maile a‘o ka nahele
I ke ‘ala onaona o ka mokihana

Adorned with maile of the forest
And the sweet fragrance of mokihana

C E7 Am G7 F A7 D7
I wili ‘ia me maile lauli‘i
Ke ‘ala ho‘oheno o ka malihini

Entwined with dainty leafed maile
A fragrance cherished by visitors

C E7 Am C7 F A7 D7
Ha‘ina ia mai ana ka puana
Ku‘u lei mokihana e moani nei

May the story be told in the refrain
My mokihana lei whose fragrance is wind-borne

C E7 Am C7 F A7 D7
Ha‘ina ia mai ana ka puana
Ku‘u lei mokihana poina ‘ole

Tell the refrain
My unforgettable mokihana lei

This is a mele pana, a song that celebrates a special place and often starts with ‘hanohano’ or ‘kaula‘na.’ Composer Henry Waia‘u pays special tribute to Kaua‘i of Manokalanipō, an ancient Kaua‘i chief. 1929.