Malihini Mele

As I strolled along the shore
In a mu‘umuu made of koa
While I played a tune on my sweet okolehau
And I sang a pretty song
As she danced her sweet kapu
With a wikiwiki smile and a nuinui holoku
Pretty soon by the light of the tropical moon
A malihini did appear
And he strolled hand in hand on the beautiful sand
With a lovely pilikia
Then he softly told her how
He’d seen a great big bad lu‘au
With a red ‘opū and a great big hukilau
Humu-humu-nuku-nuku-apu-a-a
Swim along singing a song
Kanes and wahines and even little keikis kissing
A ho’omalimali and a wela ka hao

This cute song by R. Alex Anderson in 1934 is pure nonsense. Common practice is to have those keiki singing, not kissing, as the original score has it; we encourage you to mark up this workbook to suit your own style and needs.