



# Song of the Islands

## NA LEI O HAWAII

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*Slowly*

F D7 G7 C7 F C7



Ha-

F C7 G7 C7

1. Na - ni Ha - wa - i - i ka mo - ku o Ke - a -  
wai - i, isles of beau - ty, Where skies are blue and love is



F F D7 G7

we, \_\_\_\_\_ Lei ha - a - heo i ka le - hu - a a me ka ma -  
true, \_\_\_\_\_ Where balm - y airs and gold - en moon - light, Ca - ress the \_\_\_\_\_



C7 F C7

*i - le a o Pa - na - e - wa.*  
*wav-ing palms of Ho - no - lu - lu .*

F C7 F C7

2. *Ki - la - ki - la o Mau - i la i - a*  
*Your val - leys with their - rain - bows, Your moun-tains*

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G7 C7 F F D7

*Ha - le - a - ka la, Ua ka - pu Ro - se -*  
*green, the a - zure sea, Your fra-grant flow'rs, en - chant - ing*

*Ha - le - a - ka la, Ua ka - pu Ro - se -*  
*green, the a - zure sea, Your flow'rs, en - chant - ing*



G7 C7 F

la - ni a - no - u ho - o - ka - hi wa - le no.  
 mu - sic, U - nite and sing a - lo - ha oe to me.

la - ni a - no - u ho - o - ka - hi wa - le no wa - le no.  
 mu - sic, U - nite and sing a - lo - ha oe to me, to me.

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One of the top comedy songs, of which there are many, is "Mama's Muu-muu" by Gene Burdette. "When Hilo Hattie Does the Hilo Hop," by Johnny Noble, sings of one of Hawaii's greatest and best-known entertainers.

It is this same Hilo Hattie who popularized, on the mainland as well as in the Islands, the amusing recital of the unorthodox characteristics of "The Cockeyed Mayor of Kaunakakai" (pronounced Cow-na-cock-eye), by Alex Anderson. There is no mayor of Kaunakakai, only a song about him. The town is

on the island of Molokai and its size does not warrant a mayor.

As the story goes, it began when Warner Baxter, a screen star of the 30's, came to visit Molokai. His ship docked at Kaunakakai and, with true "aloha" spirit, the celebrity was welcomed with a parade. A big luau was part of the celebration; a mammoth key was presented to him and he was made honorary mayor of Kaunakakai. That is when Anderson wrote the song and made the town and its non-existent mayor famous.