Nani Ke Kīele - Makapala Medley
Hula Ku'i

'A'ohe pua nani ke kīele
'O ka hewa a he mae wale
Hoapili mau 'oe na'u
Mai noho 'oe a ho'opoina

There is no flower equal in beauty to the gardenia
The only drawback is that it wilts so easily
But you are the one I choose to cherish
And don't you ever forget it

C7/2
F/A
F/A
G7/2
F/A
G7/2
Pause/2
F/A
F/A
G7/2
C7
C7
Pause
F/A
G7/2
F/A
C7
C7
Pause
F/A
G7/2
F/A
C7
C7
Pause

Akahi ho'i au a 'ike
I kahi kai p'i o Makapala la
Ha'alele mai la i ke pili
Hākūkō'i maila ka moana
Ha'ina 'ia mai ka puana
I kahi kai p'i o Makapala la

I have finally experienced
The place where the tide rises at Makapala
I have to leave the affair
For the ocean is growing turbulent
I have an experience to tell
The place where the tide rises at Makapala

Am
E7
Am
E7
Am

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Notes: This is a compilation of two traditional songs from the family collections of Aunty Edith Kanaele Kanaka'ole, originally of Honomū. She remembers hearing her uncles sing these songs at family parties and notes that they were kolohe songs related to ho'oipoipo, love making. Song one is called Nani Ke Kīele, a one-verse song that serves as the first and last verse in this compilation. The second song is called Makapala and refers to ocean of that name in Kohala Loko.

You are invited to share this song and hula to your communities, doing so in a manner that sustains culture and tradition

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