

HI'ILAWE

Key of C Major

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(Double strum vamp C ///-G7 ///, C /// - G7 - ///)

C F C
KŪMAKA KA 'IKENA IĀ HI'ILAWE,
G7 C
KA PAPA LOHI MAI A'O MAUKELE.

All eyes are on Hi'ilawe

*In the sparkling
lowlands of Maukele*

(REPEAT VERSE)

C F C
PAKELE MAI AU I KA NUI MANU,
G7 C
HAUWALA'AU NEI PUNI WAIPI'O.

I escape all the birds

*Chattering everywhere
in Waipi'o*

(REPEAT VERSE)

C F C
'A 'OLE NŌ WAU E LOA'A MAI.
G7 C
A HE UHIWAI AU NO KE KUAHIWI.

I am not caught

*For I am the mist
of the mountains*

(REPEAT VERSE)

C F C
HE HIWAHIWA AU NA KA MAKUA
G7 C
A HE LEI 'Ā'Ī NA KE KUPUNA.

I am the darling of the parents

*And a lei for the necks
of grandparents*

(REPEAT VERSE)

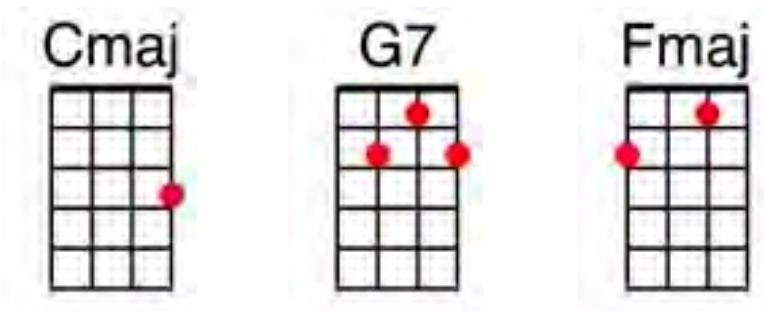
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C F C
NO PUNA KE 'ALA I HALI 'IA MAI *The fragrance is wafted from Puna*
G7 C
NOHO I KA WAILELE A'O HI'ILAWE. *And lives at Hi'ilawe waterfall*
(REPEAT VERSE)

C F C
HA'INA 'IA MAI ANA KA PUANA, *Tell the refrain*
G7 C
KUŪMAKA KA 'IKENA IĀ HI'ILAWE. *All eyes are on Hi'ilawe*
(REPEAT VERSE)

(SECOND TIME TAG LAST LINE)
G7 C G7 C G7 C
... **IĀ HI'ILAWE, IĀ HI'ILAWE, .. IĀ HI'ILA-----WE,,**



This mele is about a love affair at Hi'ilawe (highest waterfall in Hawai'i) and Waio'ulu, two waterfalls in Waip'io Valley on the Big Island. Lālākea and Hakalaoa are streams at the top of Waip'io Valley that flow over the cliff forming the twin waterfalls of Hi'ilawe and Hakalaoa. They merge into the Hi'ilawe stream that is one of two main waterways in Waip'io Valley

The girl, from Puna, describes herself poetically as the fragrance from Puna. Distressed by the gossip mongers, she calls them chattering birds. Mist of the mountains in the 3rd verse is the poetic way of saying this is a secret love affair.

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