

# **KA`A AHI KAHULUI**

## **Key of F Major**

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Words and Music by Palani Vaughan

♪ Vamp ~ F<sup>7</sup> / / / F / / / F<sup>7</sup> / / / F / / / ♪

F

| Eia ka mo`olelo | pōkole |

*Here is the short story*

C<sup>7</sup>

F

F<sup>7</sup>

| No ke ka`a ahi mua | o Hawai`i Nei |

*About the first*

B<sup>b</sup>

F

*train in Hawai`i*

| Chūkū-chūkū maila | Chūkū-chūkū maila |

*Choo-choo*

C<sup>7</sup>

B<sup>b</sup>

*here, Choo-choo there*

| Ko`ehu (kuehu) aku ma ke ala-|-hao |

*Stirring dust along*

*the tracks*

~~ Repeat ~~

Hui: Chorus:

F<sup>7</sup>

F

| Wū-wū | Ka`a Ahi Kahului |

*Woo-woo! Kahului Railroad*

C<sup>7</sup>

| Ke alahao a i Wai-|-luku |

*Tracks all the way to Wailuku*

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| Wu-wu | Ka`a Ahi Kahului |

*Woo-woo! Kahului Railroad*

C<sup>7</sup>

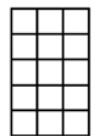
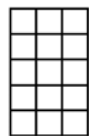
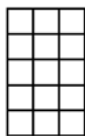
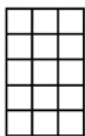
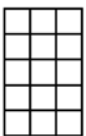
F

| Chūkū-chūkū mua o Ha-|-wai`i |

*The first train of Hawai`i*

♪ Turnaround C<sup>7</sup> F ♪

♪ Instrumental Bridge of Verse and turnaround or Pa`ani ♪



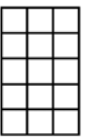
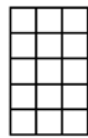
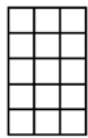
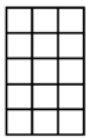
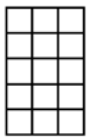
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Additional Verses:

| Hūlō, Hūlō, | no Ka Lanī e | *Hurrah! Hurrah! for the chief*  
| No Ka Lanī `O Kalā- | -kaua | *For the chief, Kalākaua*  
| Ke mea i kākau | kona inoa | *The one who signed his name*  
| Ma ka Palapalano ka | chūkū-chūkū | *On the Act for the Railroad*

| Lohe mai e nā keiki | hānau o ka `āina | *Listen, oh children of the land*  
| Lohe mai i ka mo`olelo | chūkū | *Listen to the train story*  
| A i ko `oukou | Ka Lanī hope | *And (hear) about your last King*  
| Ka mea i kākau kona i- | -noa | *The one who signed his name*



Performance Notes: This a fun song with a driving up-tempo choo-choo beat and sound effects -- thumps, slides, bends -- to create the sound and feel of riding on the old sugar cane train to Kahului.

King Kalākaua encouraged railroad building in Hawai`i. July 29, 1879, the first passenger train service was inaugurated by Kahului Railroad Company to operate between Kahului and Wailuku, on the island of Maui.