

# **YOU KU`UIPO**

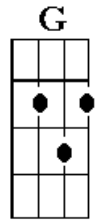
## **Key of G Major**

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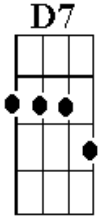
First Note: D

G  
On this island I found the ways  
to see the beauty in passing days.



Flowers that impel my love.

"Moments" some only hear of. (stop)



Loving under a waterfall.

Hearing the owl's midnight call.

Whispers from the ocean shell.

Whispers only you and I can tell . . . (stop)

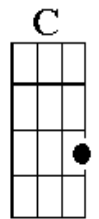
HUI

. . . and You Ku'u ipo

bring these moments to my mind.

For You Ku'u ipo

are an island one of a kind. (one of a kind)



C / / / / D7 / /

G

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D7

**In this land I found the ways**

G

**to see the beauty of passing days.**

D7

**Rainbows, jewels of a misty crown.**

G

**Craters covered with a silken gown. (stop)**

D7

**Stars that always shown so bright.**

G

**Scattered throughout the lovely night.**

D7

**Where true love befell my soul.**

G

**True love that came upon a grassy knoll. (stop)**

REPEAT HUI

TAG

G

D7

G

D7

**One of a kind. One of a kind.**

G

D7 2, 3, 4 -- 1 ---

**One of a kind.**

**cha cha cha**

Gilbert Belmudez, 1984 - The composer first went to Hana, Maui, on a small Royal Hawaiian passenger plane in the spring of 1980. His first nights were spent at Wai`ānapanapa and by the waters of `Ohe`o gulch, now called Seven Sacred Pools. It was this uncommon introduction to Maui that gave him a sense of what the real Hawai`i was. He eventually settled in the Lahaina area but time and time again, would return to Hana. It was there, under the light of a campfire, that he began to write a sizeable collection of poems, lyrics and prose. The first drafts to You Ku`uipo were created as an ode to Hawai`i. Ku`uipo being his name for the island itself. The final drafts to You Ku`uipo were completed in San Diego after he moved there in 1988. He completed the lyrics and in 1990, shared his creation with Willie "K" (Kahaiali'i), a musician he had come to know on Maui several years before. He approached Willie for collaboration and in one week's time Willie was able to musically translate what was in the composer's heart into the song, "You Ku`uipo". Lyrics ® © Gilbert Belmudez 1990, Music © Willie Kahaiali'i

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