

# Pretty Red Hibiscus

Lyrics & Music by Johnny Noble & Rube Wolf (c. 1935)

Tempo: 80/85/90/95

Men

Introduction: Ev'ry flower tells a story | in colors and per - fume  
 But there's one that's filled with glory | wher - ever it may bloom

Pretty red hibiscus | I'd ad - mired you right from the start  
 Pretty red hi - biscus | you're the flower of my heart

Ev'ry day you're fairer | than the fairest flower that grows  
 Pretty red hi - biscus | you're beautiful everyone knows

Bridge: Though you may not be scented | like the other flowers are  
 But when the day has ended | you're as fair as an evening star

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 Pretty red hi - biscus | you're the flower of my heart

Introduction:

A-3-2-1-3-0-0-0-3-1-3-0-0-1-1-3-1-0-0-0-2-2-0-3-  
 E-----4-----4-----1-1-----3--  
 C-----  
 G-----

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Verse:

A-5-5-5-5-0-0-0-3-0-3-0-3-0-0-0-0-5-5-5-5-0-0-0-3-0-3-0-3-0-0-0-  
 E-----4-----3-3-3-3-----3-1-1-3-----4-----3-3-3-3-----3-1-1-1-1-1-  
 C-----2-2-----2-----1-  
 G-----

Bridge:

A-----0-0-1-1-----0-1-1-3-3-5-----7-8-7-6-5-3-3-1-1-0-----0-  
 E-1-3-3-----3-----0-1-3-  
 C-----2-----  
 G-----

Source: Miller Music Corporation, *Songs of Hawai'i*, pp. 42-43, squareone.org; *He Mele Aloha*, p. 220. Recorded by Peter Dillingham & Friends (*Limited Edition, Vol. 2, 1986/1988/1999*), Brothers Cazimero (*Destination Paradise, 1998*), Ku'uipo Kumukahi (*So Sweet, 1998*), Owana Salazar (*Hula Jazz, 2004*), Atta Damasco (*Pa'ina Hou, 2005*) and Darlene Auhuna (*Aloha Pumehana, 2009*).

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