

Kūhiō Bay

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Intro: C7, F, C7, F/

Tempo: 95/130

<p> ^{F C7 F} `Akahi ho`i a `ike ku`u maka ^{C7 F} I ka nani a`o Waiākea ^{F7 Bb Bbm} `A`ohe lua e like a - i ^{F C7 F F/} Me ka nani a me ka nani a`o Kūhiō Bay ^{F C7 F G/} Me ka nani a me ka nani a`o Kūhiō Bay ^{G D7 G} Mahalo a`e au i ka nani a`o Hilo ^{D7 G} Me ka ua a e ho`opulu nei ^{G7 C Cm} `Oni ana Mokuola `au i ke ka - i ^{G D7 G F/} `O ua `āina e kaulana nei ^{G D7 G F/} `O ua `āina e kaulana nei ^{G D7 G} Waiānuenue a he wai kaulana ^{D7 G} Wai māka`ika`i a ka malihini ^{G7 C Cm} Wai kamaha`o i ka`u `i - ke ^{G D7 G G/} E pāpahi e ho`opē nei i ka nahele ^{G D7 G G/} E pāpahi e ho`opē nei i ka nahele </p>	<p>Finally my eyes have seen The beauty of Waiākea There is no other to compare With its beauty and the beauty of Kūhiō Bay (modulate) With its beauty and the beauty of Kūhiō Bay I admire the beauty of Hilo And its drenching rains Mokuola appears in the sea A land indeed renowned A land indeed renowned Waiānuenue, a noted falls A sight enjoyed by visitors A cascade, wonderous in my sight Adorning and perfuming the forest Adorning and perfuming the forest</p>
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A---3-0---0-----1-----0-----3-0-----1-----0-0-----
E---3-3-1-0-0-1-----3-----1-----1-0-----1-----1-3-----3-3-3-1-0-0-1-
C-0-0-----0-0-0-0-----0-0-0-----0-0-----3-2-----0-0-0-0-----
G---4-----4-----4----- (Low G)

The composer describes the natural beauty of the Hilo area—including its well-known Rainbow Falls (Waiānuenue). Sources: *He Mele Aloha*, p. 134; huapala.org (per Garza-Maguire Collection). Recorded by Israel Kamakawiwo`ole (*Facing Future*, 1993), Gary Haleamau (*Big Island Style*, 1987) and Peter Moon (*Ho`i Hou*, 1995; instrumental).