

'Ulili ē

Lyrics & Music by George Keahi & Harry Naope (1935); Translation by Puakea Nogelmeier

Intro: C G7 C ('O ia kai ua lana mālie) 2x's

Hui (sung)

C C G7 C G7 C
'Ulili ē ('ahahaha, 'ulili ehehene, 'ulili 'ahahaha)
C C G7 C G7 C
'Ulili ho'i ('ehehene, 'ulili 'ahahaha, 'ulili 'ehehene)
C F C
'Ulili holoholo kahakai ē
C G7 C
'O ia kai ua lana mālie
C F C
'Ulili holoholo kahakai ē
C G7 C
'O ia kai ua lana mālie

The sandpiper (tra la la)

The sandpiper returns (tra la la)

Sandpiper who runs along the shore

Where the sea is calm

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Verse 1 (sung) (kahea: "'Ulili ē")

C F C
Hone ana kō leo e 'ulili ē
C G7 C
O kahi manu noho 'ae kai
C F C
Kia'i ma ka lae a 'o Kekaha
C G7 C
'O ia kai ua lana mālie

The sandpiper's voice is soft and sweet

Bird who lives by the seashore

Watchful at Kekaha Point

Where the sea is calm

Hui (sung)

Instrumental verse (kahea: "Pa'ani")

Instrumental Hui with vocals (ahahaha, 'ulili ehehene, etc)

Verse 2 (sung) (kahea: "e kōlea")

C F C
Hone ana ko leo e kōlea ē
C G7 C
Pehea 'o Kahiki? Maika'i nō!
C F C
'O ia 'āina 'uluwehiwehi
C G7 C
I hui pū 'ia me ke onaona

The golden plover's voice is soft and sweet

How is Tahiti? Just fine!

It is a verdant land

Imbued with a sweet fragrance

Instrumental Hui with vocals (ahahaha, 'ulili ehehene, etc)

Hui (sung) (then ending)

Ending (sung, each line softer):

C G7 C
'O ia kai ua lana mālie
C G7 C
'O ia kai ua lana mālie