

Kūhiō Bay

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Intro: C7, F, C7, F/

Tempo: 95/130

^{F C7 F}
`Akahi ho`i | a `ike ku`u maka

Finally my eyes have seen

^{C7 F}
I ka nani | a`o Waiākea

The beauty of Waiākea

^{F7 Bb Bbm}
`A`ohe lua | e like a - i

There is no other to compare

^{F C7 F F/}
Me ka nani a me ka nani a`o Kūhiō Bay

With its beauty and the beauty of Kūhiō Bay

^{F C7 F G/ (modulate)}
Me ka nani a me ka nani a`o Kūhiō Bay

With its beauty and the beauty of Kūhiō Bay

^{G D7 G}
Mahalo a`e au | i ka nani a`o Hilo

I admire the beauty of Hilo

^{D7 G}
Me ka ua | a e ho`opulu nei

And its drenching rains

^{G7 C Cm}
`Oni ana Mokuola | `au i ke ka - i

Mokuola appears in the sea

^{G D7 G G/}
`O ua `āina e kaulana nei

A land indeed renowned

^{G D7 G A/ (modulate)}
`O ua `āina e kaulana nei

A land indeed renowned

^{A E7 A}
Waiānuenuē | a he wai kaulana

Waiānuenuē, a noted falls

^{E7 A}
Wai māka`ika`i | a ka malihini

A sight enjoyed by visitors

^{A7 D Dm}
Wai kamaha`o | i ka`u`i - ke

A cascade, wonderous in my sight

^{A E7 A A/}
E pāpahi e ho`opē nei i ka nahele

Adorning and perfuming the forest

^{A E7 A (4) C(4) D(4) A(5)/}
E papahi e ho`ope nei i ka nahele

Adorning and perfuming the forest

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 (Waiānuenuē). 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).