

Waipā Ke Mālama Mau Ai

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Kūnou i ka ua ma ka lau kou,
`Akahi ho`i au a `ike i ka lanipō
Apo mai honi mai ke kou me ka hau,
`O Waipā ke mālama mau ai

Bowing with the rain on kou leaves
The first time I have seen the lushness
Embraced and kissed by the kou and the hau
Waipā is the one that will be cared for forever

Ho`omalua `o Māmalahoa iā `Ehiku,
Kū ha`aheo `o Kapalikea kila ka wēkiu
Wehi mau lei mau i ke kilikili noe
`O Waipā ke mālama mau ai

Māmalahoa protects `Ehiku
Kapalikea stands, majestic is the summit
Always adorned in the light rainy mist
Waipā is the one that will be cared for forever

Lana mālie ka hau i ka `ilikai,
Mai Wai`oli a ke ko`o a`o Waikoko
Mōhala nā pua hau no nā, hanauna ē
`O Waipā ke mālama mau ai

Floating serenely is the hau upon the ocean's surface
From Wai`oli to the churning at Waikoko
The hau flowers will blossom for generations
Waipā is the one that will be cared for forever

Bridge

`Akahi ho`i au a `ike i ka lanipō,
Wehi mau lei mau i ke kilikili noe,
Mōhala nā pua hau
No nā hanauna ē

Bridge:

The first time I have seen the lushness
Always adorned in the light rainy mist
The hau flowers will blossom
For generations

Ha`ina ka puana nō ka pa`a a ka wai
Ho`i nō i ka lanipō o ka palai
Apo mai honi mai ke kou me ka hau
`O Waipā ke mālama mau ai

Told is the refrain for the waters that are held back
I shall return for the lushness of the palapalai ferns
Embraced and kissed by the kou and the hau
Waipā is the one that will be cared for forever