

[La‘e La‘e](#) - Bina Mossman

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Ua la‘i no au, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
Me ka liko ka lehua, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
E ho‘oipo ana, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
Me ke aloha, la‘e la la‘e la‘e

I hoapili pa‘a, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
No mi nei, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
Ma‘ane‘i mai ‘oe, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
Ma ku‘u poli, la‘e la la‘e la‘e

I hoa kui lima, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
I ke one o Mālama, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
Mālama iho ‘oe, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
Ke aloha a kāua, la‘e la la‘e la‘e

Ho‘okahi pu‘uwai, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
Me ka lokahi, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
La‘i ai ka nohona, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
Me ku‘u ipo, la‘e la la‘e la‘e

E ola mau loa, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
Ku‘u mau pua, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
‘A puka i ke ao, la‘e la la‘e la‘e
Mālamalama, la‘e la la‘e la‘e

I am content, tra la la la
With the lehua bud
(I) will woo
With love

Be a close companion
For me
Come here
To my bosom

Friend I hold hands with
On the sands of Mālama
Take care of
The love that belongs to us

One heart
In accord
Peaceful the relationship
With the sweetheart

Long live
My flower
That appears in
Daylight

Tell the refrain
Of my flower
The bud of the lehua
Mine to wear as a lei

Ha‘ina ka puana, la‘e la la‘e la‘e

A‘o ku‘u pua, la‘e la la‘e la‘e

Ka liko ka lehua, la‘e la la‘e la‘e

Na‘u e lei, la‘e la la‘e la‘e

Source: This poem was given to the composer when she and her husband were courting. Written by her mother, it predicts happiness for the couple who will be together forever; and so it was. © Criterion Music Corp. Music clip by Gippy Cooke