

IPO LEI MOMI --- *Keali'i Reichel*

In) C – C – D7 (x2)

G C D7

‘Auhea ‘oe e ka ipo lei momi, lā, e

Where are you, my precious pearl lei,

D7 C G

‘Ume‘ume nōweo i ka pōuliuli, lā, e

Glowing enticingly in the depth of the night?

Vamp) C – C – D7 (x1 between different verses only)

E huli mai ‘oe a honi i ka ihu, lā, e

Turn to me and share a kiss,

Mai pulale na‘e o nalo auane‘i, lā e

Don’t rush, though, or all will be lost.

Lālau lima a pa‘a i ka pono, lā, e

Groping about until the perfect spot is found,

‘O‘e‘o‘e ka nuku i ke kapa moe holu, lā, e

The prow surges back and forth across the tossing sea.

Ua lomilomi ‘ia a miko ka ‘ili, lā, e

The surface is caressed to develop a salty sheen

A nu kāua a paupauaho, lā, e

And we groan and sigh until completely breathless.

Ha‘ina ‘ia mai ana ka puana, lā, e

Let the story be known through the telling

NO CHORDS HERE ----- C G

E shh! kāua o ala nā manu, lā, e

But be quiet lest the birds be awakened.

Out) C – G / C – G / C – C – D7 / C – C – D7 / C – C – D7 ----- G