

PUA HONE (Honey Flower)

by Dennis Kamakahi

D (12 beats) C (2 beats) D (2 beats) D (12 beats) C (2 beats) D (2 beats)

G D

O `oe ka wahine a ke alo--ha

You are the woman that I love

There in the lush verdure is

My honey flower in the calm

I laila i ka uluwehi

C D

Ku`u pua hone i ka la`i

D C D

G D

Hone `ana i kēhau o Ma-ki-ki

Kissed by the dew of Makiki

I am your love

In the mountain mist

`O wau kou aloha

C D

I ka noe kua-hi-wi

D C D

G D

He u`i no `oe i ke ku-la

You are a beauty on the plains

Entwined with the sacred

`le`ie vine of Leilono

I wili `ia me ka

C D

`le`ie o Leilo--no

D C D

G D

Ha`ina mai ana ka pua--na

This ends my story

For my honey flower in the calm

A true beauty, indeed

Ku`u pua hone i ka la`i

C D

He nani maoli no-o

D C D

Copyright 1977, Naukilo Publishing Co. This song was written at Tacoma, WA, while the composer did a concert at the Federal Prison on McNeil Island in Puget Sound. It was at a lū`au put on by the Hawaiian inmates. The composer was playing with Eddie Kamae and the Sons of Hawai`i, and was undecided at that time whether to return to Hawai`i or go back to Alaska, where he had considered making a home. Waiting back in Hawai`i was his future wife. After the concert, the composer called her on the phone and proposed to her with this song. Dennis Kamakahi and Robin celebrated 36 years of marriage (& three children, including son David, also a celebrated musician) before his death in April 2014.