

Koke`e

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Upu a`e, he mana`o
I ka wekiu o Koke`e
I ka nani, o ka `âina
O ka noe po`ai`ai

Hui:

`O Kalalau, he `âina la`a
I ka ua li`i li`i
`O Waimea, ku`u lei aloha
Never more to say goodbye

Ho`i mai ana i kahikina
I ka la welawela
I ke kai hawanawana
I Po`ipu ma Koloa

Mele au, no ka beauty
I ka uka, `iu`iu
I Koke`e ua `ike au
I ka noe po`ai`ai

A thought recurs
To the summit of Koke`e
In the beauty of the land
Of the encircling rain

Chorus:

Kalalau is a sacred land
In the drizzling rain
Waimea is my beloved wreath
Never more to say goodbye

Returning to the east
In the doubly hot sun
To the whispering sea
At Po`ipu in Koloa

I sing for the beauty
In the lofty uplands
At Koke`e I saw
The encircling mist