

Na Ali'i

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C
Aloha na `ahahui o na ali`i
D7
Na ali`i mai na kupuna mai
G7
E pa`aina `olelo kaulana
C F C - G7
E hele a moe i ka ala

C
Hu wale a`e na ho`omana`o ana
D7
No na ali`i kaulana
G7
Ua pau, ua hala lako
C
A koe no na pua
G7
Ua pau, ua hala lakou
C
A koe no na pua

E lei i ka lei ha`aheo o Hawai`i
Ka wehi ho`i o na ali`i i hala
E pa`a ka mana`o me ka lokahi
E mau ke ea o ka `aina i ka pono

He ali`i `o ka lani, ua kaulana
Ka Napoliona o ka Pakipika
E lei i ka wehi ha`aheo o Hawai`i
Na hulu mamoa like `ole
E lei i ka wehi ha`aheo o Hawai`i
Na hulu mamoa like `ole

`Imi nui `o Maleka a loli`i
Ka wehi ho`i o na ali`i i hala
`A`ole no na`e e like aku
Me ka mea no`eau ke kupuna

He ali`i `o ka lani ua kaulana
Ke `ahi kanana o ka Pakipika
Nana no i ulupa na pae moku
A pau malalo ona
Nana no i ulupa na pae moku
A pau malalo ona

Hail societies of chieftains
Chieftains from our ancestors
Remember the famous saying
Go and sleep upon the byways

Memories come
Of the famous chiefs
They are gone, they have passed
And their flowers survive
They are gone, they have passed
And their flowers survive

Wear the cherished leis of Hawaii
Adornment of departed chiefs
May all unite in recalling
The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness

Royal chief, famous
Napoleon of the Pacific
Wear the cherished adornments of Hawaii
The mamoa feather leis
Wear the cherished adornments of Hawaii
The mamoa feather leis

America seeks our welfare
The adornment of departed chiefs
Not the same
As the ancestors' wisdom
Chief royal and famous
Fierce tuna of the Pacific
When he struck the island group
All were subdued
When he struck the island group

Source: Na Mele o Hawai'i Nei by Elbert & Mahoe.
This song, an expression of love and respect for our
Hawaiian heritage, especially honors the departed
chiefs. The 2nd verse incorporates the 1843 statement
of Kamehameha III given at Kawaiahaeo Church, the
motto of Hawaii