

'Ulupalakua

(Breadfruit Ripened On The Back): John Pi'ilani Watkins



Intro: D7-G7-C (2X)

C C7
Kaulana mai nei
F C
A'o 'Ulupalakua
A7 D7
He iniki niki ahiahi
G7 C Vamp: D7-G7-C
Ka home a'o paniolo

C C7
He wehi e ku'u lei
F C
A'o 'Ulupalakua
A7 D7
Onaona me ka 'awapuhi
G7 C Vamp
He nani maoli no

C C7
Ha'ina mai ka puana
F C
A'o 'Ulupalakua
A7 D7
He iniki niki ahiahi
G7 C Vamp
Ka home a'o paniolo

Famous
Is `Ulupalakua
The pangs of the cold
evening air
The home of the
cowboys

My lei is an adornment
Of `Ulupalakua
The sweet scent of
ginger is
Truly beautiful

Tell the refrain
Of `Ulupalakua
The pangs of the cold
evening air
The home of the
cowboy

Source: Kamehameha Schools HSI Copyright John Watkins - An ancient Maui chief would send runners to Kipahulu for breadfruit. When they returned with the fruit, it was ripe. The chief called the district Ulupalakua or "breadfruit ripened on the back". The composer visited Ulupalakua, in up-country Maui on the southwestern slopes of Haleakala. He was so impressed by the cold mountain air, the scent of ginger and the cowboys, he composed this mele in 1947, to honor the district. Edited by Dr. Barbara Price