

He`eia

VAMP: C G C

C G C G

Aia i He`eia la

C G C GCGCG

i ka nalu e he`e ana

There at He`eia

Surfing in the waves

C G C G

He`e ana i ka lala la

C G C GCGCG

ho`i ana i ka muku

Surfing out diagonally

coming back on the crest

C G C G

A na`u i kikaha la

C G C GCGCG

a`o ia `ae kai

Maneuvering in

clear to the water's edge

C G C G

A he kuhi hewa ko`u la

C G C GCGCG

Aia i ka poli

I mistook you for someone else

There at the breast

C G C G

Ha`ina mai ka puana la

C G C GCGCG

O Hālala i ka nuku manu

The story is told

Hālala the oversize bird beak

He`eia Bay is near Keauhou in the Kailua-Kona area of the "Big Island" of Hawai`i. The beach is a source of `ili `ili pebbles. The song derives from the chant and has been extensively recorded. The chant itself originated in a surfing chant honoring Lunalilo, which we learned as "Auhea O Ka Lani" but is also known as "Aihea O Ka Lani". The hula for Lunalilo in our tradition is a hula noho (seated hula) using ili ili pebbles, but other traditions use `ulī `ulī, a single feathered rattle.