Oli

He Mele No Ka Lehua

Eia mai ka lehua
Ka lehua mohala ia
Kū mai nei i Pōhākea
E ‘ike aku i ke ahi Pele
Mae ia ē, ka pua
Ola i ka mole o ke kumu
Eō mai e ka lehua
Ka mea holu nape i ka mālie

A Song for the Lehua

Here is the lehua
It is the blooming lehua
It stands at Pōhākea
To see the fire of Pele
The flower is wilted
But saved by the root of the tree
Hear my call ‘o Lehua
The resilient one in the calm

This song of resilience and Aloha honors the many individuals and families who have endured and overcame violence, injustice, and inequity. He Mele No Ka Lehua is a chant that inspires our diverse community to remain steadfast in spite of the difficulties we experience. It is our belief that Hawai‘i’s natural environment and its traditional stories hold the wisdom and knowledge essential to prosperity and growth for all.

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