

Green Rose Hula - D7, G7, C

C C7 F C
No ka pua loke lau ke aloha
F C G7 C (G7,C)2x
No ka u`i kau i ka wêkiu

My love goes to the green rose
The blossom I esteem the highest

C C7 F C
Kô`ala onaona i`ane`i
F C G7 C (G7,C)2x
Ho`olale mai ana e walea

Its fragrance reaches me here
Inviting my thoughts to be
carefree

C C7 F C
E walea pû aku me`oe
F C G7 C (G7,C)2x
I ka hana no`eau ho`oipo

To spend the time pleasantly with
you
In the delightful pastime of
wooing

A he ipo`oe na`u i aloha
Ka`ano`i a ku`u pu`uwai

You are the sweetheart I love
The darling of my heart

C C7 F C
Ha`ina`ia mai ka puana
F C G7 C (G7,C)2x
Nou nô green rose ke aloha

This is the end of my song
For you, beloved green rose

Green is life, abundant growth, constant renewal of life and energy. The green rose signifies the constant rejuvenation of spirit, and is therefore a messenger of cheerfulness. Transformation and change are a necessary prerequisite for life to go on. And green roses express this spirit of rejuvenation very beautifully.

The green rose is called the "leaf rose". Laida Paia, Mrs. James Keoni Willis, a member of John Almeida's trio composed this mele although it has always been attributed to Almeida. She was the mother of Koko Willis and John acknowledged and always gave her due credit when he performed it, especially when Koko or other members of her family were in the audience. Confirmed by Pali Lee, wife of Koko Willis who died in 1994. Translated by Mary Pukui