

U'ilani

Lena Machado

1. **U'i Lani, Ku'u Lei(U'i Lani E)** *Heavenly beauty, my beloved lei*
Ku'u milimili ē *Mine to cherish*
He "poke" pua mae'ole 'oe *Like a bouquet whose beauty*
never fades
No nā kūpuna *For you ancestors to wear*
as a lei
2. **Kou u'i ua 'ike 'ia (U'i Lani e)** *Behold your beauty*
Ko aloha ua hi'ipoi 'ia *You are loved and cherished*
Ke 'ala onaona ko kino *The loveliness of you*
Ka'u e li'a mau ai *Fills me with endless desire*
3. **U'i Lani, eo mai 'oe** *Respond to me my lovely one*
'O 'oe no ko'u puni *You are my favorite above all*
others
4. **U'i Lani, my own** (My heavenly one)
You were sent from heaven above
In my bosom I'll caress you with a lullaby

Lena Machado, the composer of this song, was known as "Hawai'i's Songbird". She was a dominant figure in Hawaiian music during the 1930's and 1940's, not only as singer, but as a composer and entertainer. She perfected her trademark vocal leap which is so closely associated with the sound we refer to as "Hawaiian music".

Machado composed many songs, which she created for her own unique voice and style. Today these songs are falsetto favorites still sung by the leading exponents of this style. U'i Lani is such a song giving full range to the falsetto vocal leaps.

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It is a very straightforward song of praise describing the charms of a beautiful and adored lady. It is my guess that this song was written as a name song, or mele inoa, for someone she knew. She was often asked to write name songs for friends or acquaintances.

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(4 wrist turns @ body starting @ hip, & up to high)

Ke 'ala onaona ko kino

'ami hema 3X

(hands are high, come down slowly to "hug", crossed @ chest)

Ka'u e li'a mau

V~R

ai

step L-R-L-R & 'ōniu L~R~L

(R~hd down body) (L@ mouth, Rt. out) (2 hds point Rt)

3. U'i Lani

V-R 6X

eo mai

K-L

'oe

V-R 6X making 1/2 turn to Rt.

(plms up, 2 hds self and out & bring to heart and roll)

'O 'oe

V-L 6X

no ko'u

V-R

puni

'ami 3X hema

(2 hds down body, 4 waves.....)

4. U'i Lani, my own (*My heavenly one*)

Walk sway forward 4X R~L~R~L

(L@heart,R from heart to heaven arching Rt)(L open from R hand, high)

You were sent

V~R

from heaven above

V~L

(2 hds hi & down to love gesture) (2 hds mouth/out to R & then to L, p/u)

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In my bosom I'll caress you
‘ami 4 X ‘ākau

With a lulla ~by
slight turning V~R & L

(L@ hip, R-come down body, then mouth/out p/u)

U'i Lani e.....
point Rt foot & hold