Haole Hula - Words & music by R. Alex Anderson

Oh when I hear the strains of that sweet Alekoki

And stealing from afar of guitar Penei Nô When Lili`u ê makes you sway in the moonlight

I know the reason why fair Hawai`i haunts you so

The lovely blue of sky and the sapphire of ocean

The flashing white of cloud and of waves foaming crest

The many shades of green from the plain to the mountain

With all the brightest hues of the rainbow we're blest

I hear the swish of rain as it sweeps down the valley

I hear the song of wind as it sighs through the trees

I hear the crash of waves on the rocks and the beaches

I hear the hissing surf and the boom of the seas

I love to dance and sing of the charms of Hawai`i

And from a joyful heart sing Aloha to you In every note I'll tell of the spell of my islands

For then I know that you'll be in love with them too



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