



Aloha Kaua E Na Haumana:

Welcome to Na WAHINE NO ME KA HA'AHA'A MAI MAIKI e Na Kane o KAOHULANI.
May I share with you, na Mele(Songs) and na Hula(Dances) of Hawai'i.

We will be studying geneology, culture, mannerisms, legends, poetry
and the beauties of our own Hawai'i.

Much is to be said for the arts of our Islands.

Fortunate am I to have been trained in the art of the hula by my mother,
MAIKI AIU LAKE (Kumu Hula). My association with Hawai'i's artists and mas-
ter instructors and composers have made my learning even more rewarding than
I could have ever imagined. Artists that have now passed on that have left
me with rich knowledge such as Vicki I'i Rodrigues (Musician, Teacher, Translator
Composer), Aunty Alice Namakelua (Composer), Bina Mossman (Composer), Maddy Lam
(Composer), Bill Aliilola Lincoln (Musician, Composer), and especially my many
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people have made my training in the hula rich with an awareness in the arts
of the Hula.

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all your encouragement and beliefs in me as a Teacher in the art of the Hula
is appreciated and treasured.

For it is all of you that have instilled in me the beautiful and precious love
for all things Hawaiian.

May your studies and hours of learning be pleasant, and your knowledge of our
Hawai'i grow through the Art of Hula.

KULIA I KA NU'U ME KA HA'AHA'A. . . Strive for the Highest with Humbleness.

O way No Me Ka Ha'aha'a,

Karen

Karen Kaohulani Aiu-COSTA
KUMU HULA