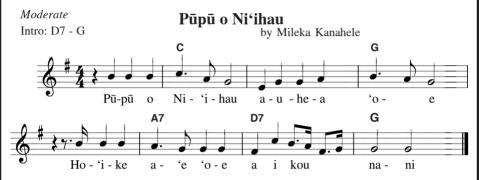


`Ukulele Lesson

of the month

Aloha Kākou!

Known as the Forbidden Island, Ni'ihau is encapsuled in its own mystique of time and tradition. There are no airports, hotels, cars or shopping centers here. The isolation encouraged by its owners has preserved its people from the ills and encumbrances of modern civilization.



Pūpū o Ni'ihau, auhea 'oe? Ho'ike a'e 'oe a i kou nani Where are you o shells of Ni'ihau? Show your beauty

He nani hiehie 'oi kelakela Ka 'i'ini nui ia o ku'u pu'uwai

A highly attractive beauty A great desire in my heart

This mele sings of the famous and rare shells found on the beaches of Ni'ihau.



The true Ni'ihau shell is the small Kahelelani named for the benevolent chief of this island. The Kahelelani comes in brown, yellow, white, speckled, or red and pink - being the rarest and most valuable. The MP3 file for this mele can be heard on www.seattleukulele.org/lessons. Our next lesson takes us to the Orchid Isle of Hawai'i.

Stay in tune! Pekelo