

Israel Kamakawiwole' "Kaleohano"

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Kaleohano, 'o Kaleohano kou inoa
Kaleohano (a name meaning: The Voice (of) Authority
and Respect),
Kaleohano (is) your name
Ku'u home, ku'u home, ku'u home 'o Keaukaha*
My (in a form expressing affection) home, my home,
my home, Keaukaha
Kaulana 'o Keaukaha
Famous (is) Keaukaha

(E hana hou I ka pauk? mua loa)
(Repeat first verse)
Kaleohano, 'o Kaleohano kou inoa
Kaleohano, Kaleohano (is) your name
Ku'u 'ina, ku'u kul?iwi, a huli I ke kai
My land, my native land, and dashing and receding (is)
the sea
Kaulana 'o Keaukaha.
Famous (is) Keaukaha.

Aloha au I? Mauna Kea, I ke anu o ke ahiahi
Love I Mauna Kea (meaning, White Mountain, referring
to mountain on the island of Hawai'i), in the cold of the
evening.
Ho'olono, ho'olono, ho'olono I ka leo ka makani
Listen, listen, listen to the voice of the wind
Keaukaha n? e ka wahi.
Keaukaha indeed, the place.

(E hana hou I ka pauk? hope)
(Repeat last verse)

*Keaukaha = the passing current, referring to
Hawaiian homestead land in Hilo, Hawai'i; in fast
speech the "au" sound in Keaukaha is pronounced as
an "ou" sound.

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