

Kō'ula

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1. (2-hds open high) (rain hi R~low L) (L~up, R~open, reverse)
Nani wale eka ua a'o Kō'ula
V~R V~L K~R & K~L
- ("rain" to cheek on L) ("rain" to cheek on R) (gentle rain in front)
Kilihune nei i ka ua li'ili'i.
V~R V~L Sway R~L~R + catch step L
2. (2 hds arch over head L~R then, R~L) (R~arm arch, then L)
O ka pi'o ana mai o ke 'ānuenuē
V~R V~L Spinning V~R & L
- ("milimili" in front) (open 2 hds high) (L~high, R pali & dn)
Ho'oheno ana i ka wele~lau pali
V~R V~L Step bk Rt
3. (2 hds, mouth & out, p/u) (2 hds "never" then Rt only, "never")
Ha'ina ka inoa po'ina 'ole
K~R & L with uehe in front V~R with sway L & R
- (L~up, R~open,p/u) (Make "Pit" low, and bubble 3X)
Kaulana na Mano~Wai~O~Puna
V~L V~R 'Uehe L~R~L

1. How lovely is the rain at Kō'ula
So gently falling is this little misty rain.
2. The arching of the rainbows
Gracing the very tip~tops of the mountains.
3. Tell the story, never to be forgotten
Of the famous fresh water spring, Mono-wai-o-puna.

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Ko'ula is located in the uplands of Kaua'i in the *Waimea* region. It was once an important source of sugar cane. The name means red sugar cane - *ko* - sugar cane, *'ula* - red. (There are many varieties of sugar cane, this one has a reddish stalk, hence the name.) The two things the area is famous for are the fresh water (*manowai*) spring (*puna*) there and the waterfall that plunges into it. This spring and waterfall feed the stream known as *Manuahi* that flows into the valley of the same name on the south side of Kaua'i. If you have seen the opening scenes of Jurassic Park you have seen the waterfall at *Ko'ula*. I understand it is only accessible by helicopter.

Because *Ko'ula* is upland on the slopes of *Wai'ale'ale* (the wettest place on earth) it is blessed with frequent rains and mist. Where there are rains, there must be rainbows! The second verse glorifies the continuous arching rainbows. There are three other verses that are rarely sung. A recent recording by Raiatea Helm and Robert Cazimero sings all verses and I am looking forward to choreographing to complete the story told in this lovely song.