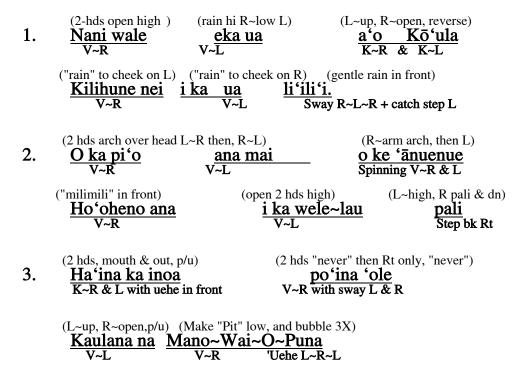
Kō'ula

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- 1. How lovely is the rain at Kōʻula 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 souce 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 accessable by helicopter.

Because *Koʻula* is upland on the slopes of *Waiʻaleʻale* (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 continous 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.