



Hawaiian Cowboy: A song of the paniolo

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Ulu lei, 'o lei lehua
Lei lehua, 'o lei lehua
Lei lehua, 'o lei lehua
'O nā lei, lei u'i ē

Trot (my) wreath, o wreath of lehua
Lehua wreath, o wreath of lehua
Lehua wreath, o wreath of lehua
The wreaths, the beautiful lei

He wahi lio Lehua kou inoa lā
Hanohano wale 'oe Hawai'i lā
E like kou holo 'ana me ka 'ō'io lā
Ke kolo, ke kuli, ke ku'i kolo iho 'oe
'Auhea wale 'oe te wahine holo lio
Pua nani a'o Hawai'i lā
Aloha i ka Hawaiian cowboy

You are a fine horse, Lehua is your name
Magnificent one of Hawai'i
Your ride is smooth like the bonefish
You crouch, work the knees, and you post
Listen you, oh horsewoman
Beautiful blossom of Hawai'i
The love of the Hawaiian cowboy

Ulu lei, 'o roselani
Roselani, 'o roselani
Roselani, 'o roselani
'O nā lei, lei u'i ē

Trot (my) garland, o garland of roses
Heavenly rose, o heavenly rose
Heavenly rose, o heavenly rose
The garlands, the beautiful lei

He wahi lio Roselani kou inoa lā
Kilakila wale 'oe o Maui lā
E like kou holo 'ana me ka 'ō'io lā
Ke kolo, ke kuli, ke ku'i kolo iho 'oe
'Auhea wale 'oe te wahine holo lio
Pua nani a'o Maui lā
Aloha i ka Hawaiian cowboy

You are a fine horse, Roselani is your name
Majestic one of Maui
Your ride is smooth like the bonefish
You crouch, work the knees, and you post
Listen you, oh horsewoman
Beautiful blossom of Maui
The love of the Hawaiian cowboy

Ulu lei, 'o lei 'ilima
Lei 'ilima, 'o lei 'ilima
Lei 'ilima, 'o lei 'ilima
'O nā lei, lei u'i e

Trot (my) wreath, o wreath of 'ilima
'Ilima wreath, o wreath of 'ilima
'Ilima wreath, o wreath of 'ilima
The wreaths, the beautiful wreaths

Ha'alele mai au i Honolulu lā
Ho'i mai au i ka 'āina malihini
Ke kau 'ana aku i ka lio Kaleponi
Ua fāfā mai lā 'o Lehua
He wahi lio kalakoa ko
Ka 'āina malihini lā
In San Francisco by the Golden Gate
Aloha i ka Hawaiian cowboy

I depart from Honolulu
Coming back to foreign lands
Mounting a California steed
Lehua said "don't do that"
A horse of many colors has
The foreign land
In San Francisco by the Golden Gate
Who loves the Hawaiian cowboy

Ha'ina mai o ka puana
Lei lehua, 'o roselani
Ha'ina mai o ka puana
'O na lei, lei u'i e

Tell the refrain of
Garland of lehua, roses
Tell the refrain
Of the wreaths, the beautiful wreaths

I'm heading for the last roundup
'Auhea wale 'oe te wahine holo lio
E like kou holo 'ana me ka 'ō'io lā
Ke kolo, ke kuli, ke ku'i kolo iho 'oe
'Auhea wale 'oe te wahine holo lio
Pua nani 'oe Hawai'i lā
Aloha i ka Hawaiian cowboy

I'm heading for the last roundup
Listen you, oh horsewoman
Your ride is smooth like the bonefish
You crouch, work the knees, and you post
Listen you, oh horsewoman
You are the beautiful blossom of Hawai'i
The love of the Hawaiian cowboy

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Roselani dandee
Is the pride of Maui Island
She can surely cut a caper
On the lava by the sea
When I lower my spurs
To her tender little sides
She'll wiggle and whinny

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And wiggle all the way
Off to the hills
And to the slopes of Polipoli
We'll ramble through the bushes
Where the heifers love to play
Roselani loves her Hawaiian Cowboy