

HE LEI WĀHINE

na Kanai'a Nakamura

Hui:

Eō mai, e ō mai ka wahine!

Kūpa'a ka paia ē, he lei wāhine

Aia i ka poli o Lilinoe, e ola koa ē

Nā maka wiwo 'ole piha i ke aloha, He lei wāhine!

He pale pua lei no nā kūpuna, e aloha ē

Nā leo kiakahi, nā leo kapu aloha, He leo wāhine!

Nā pua nani mai nā moku like 'ole, pili pa'a ē

He lei ho'oheno, pūlama i ke aloha, He lei wāhine!

Chorus:

Answering the call, our women persevere

The wall stands unshakable, a lei of women

There in the bosom of Lilinoe, brave warriors

With fearless eyes filled with love, a lei of women!

A guardian lei for our kūpuna, chanting, "e aloha e"

Voices in unison, voices of kapu aloha, the voices of women!

Beautiful flowers from across Hawai'i, clinging together.

A beloved and cherished lei, a lei of women!

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