

This mele was written by Kapu Kinimaka-Alquiza on June 29, 2006. It commemorates a trip to Nohili (Barking Sands) with friends Tom Clements of PMRF, Public Relations, Kunane Aipoalani, Educator & Kumu Hula Kimo Alama and 40 students of his Hawaiian Language Class from University of Hawaii. As I approached the sand dunes of Nohili, I could feel the spirit of our ancestors thrive at this ancient sacred site, while admiring the rows of Kauna'oa atop of the sand dunes of Nohili. How it resembled a line of warriors dressed in full regalia ready to advance at the Aii's first command. Thus, He Lei Kauna'oa 'O Nohili was born.

He Lei Kauna'oa 'O Nohili

Ike I ke one kani a'o Nohili

Ko'u I'ini nui makahēhi

To see the sands of Nohili

Is my yearning admiration

Ka makani 'O Naulu ke puhi malie

I ka ho'opumehana o ka la i ke kino

The Naulu wind softly blows

As the sun warms the body

I ke I ka nani o ka lei Kauna'oa

Kaulana ka lei, maluna o Nohili

See the beauty of the Lei Kauna'oa

So famous atop of Nohili

Eia ke ola nui na uhane o na Kupuna

E ha'a nui no me ke aloha lakou

Here lives the spirit of our ancestors

We honor them with humility and love

Puana no keia mo'olelo

No ka lei Kauna'oa 'O Nohili ---2-times (no vamp in between)

So my story is told

Of the Kauna'oa lei of Nohili

He mele no Lei Kauna'oa 'O Nohili