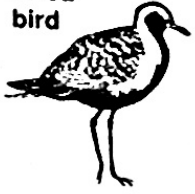


Kōlea
bird



Kāhuli

(Hawaiian Tree Snail)
Traditional



Key of "F"

Kāholo (Introduction): G7 - C7 - F - C7 (strum each kāholo chord twice)

Musical score for Kāhuli in the key of F major. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

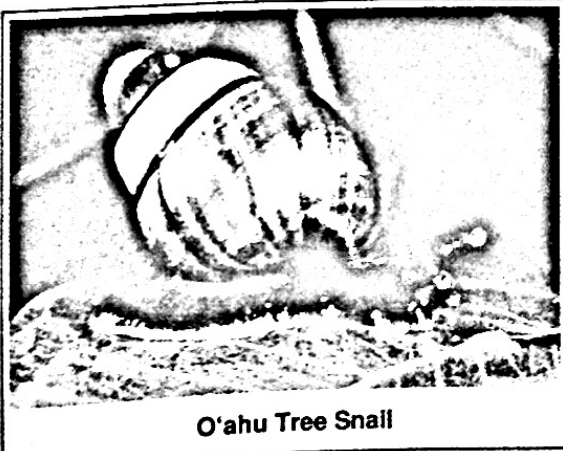
Staff 1: F C7 F
Kā - hu - li a - ku Kā - hu - li mai

Staff 2: C7 F
Kā - hu - li le - i 'u - la lei 'a - kō - le - a

Staff 3: C7 F
Kō - le - a kō - le - a ki - 'i ka wai

Staff 4: C7 F C7 F
Wai 'ā - kō - le - a Wai 'ā - kō - le - a

Staff 5: F C7 F F C7 F
O O O O O O O O O O



O'ahu Tree Snail

Kāhuli is a rare endangered species well known as the Hawaiian Tree Snail. In the old days, it could be found in the rain forest of the major Hawaiian Islands. Most recently, with the natural changes of modernization, it has been declared an endangered species. The Kāhuli was also popularly known in legend to be a singing tree snail. In this composition, the shells chirp in the evening and ask the birds to bring them a drink of water. The 'Ākōlea is a delicate fern plant.

Some years ago, Auntie Winona Beamer, former Kamehameha School Hawaiian Music Resource set this old chant to music. The original chant is sited in *Unwritten Literature of Hawai'i* by Nathaniel Emerson and is popularly used by our island teachers, especially for the purpose of school pageantry and traditional May Day Programs.

The Kōlea is a bird, the Pacific Golden Plover, that migrates to Hawai'i and is often recognized in August. In the Spring, they return to their homes in Alaska and Siberia.