

Ua Ao Hawai'i

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Kau e ka wena o ke ao i ka lani
He wekeweke i ka pō pilipuka
He 'elele o ka poniponi hikina
Kau ke kāhe'a wana'ao i ka 'āla'apapa
La'i ana i luna o ke kūkulu o ka lani la
'O ka'u ia e huli alo nei i ka ulu ē
'Ae, ua ao ē.

Hō mai lā kō mālamalama
I ka hōnua nei i ka mauli ola
Ua ao Hawai'i ke 'ōlino nei
Mai ka pi'ina a ka welona a ka lā
Kāhiko 'ia i ka 'ike manomano
Ka 'ike kōli'u mai o kikilo mai
'O ka'u nō ia 'o ka pūlama
A pa'a ma ka ipu o ka 'ike ē.
'Ae, ua ao ē.
He mele no Hawai'i ua ao.

English Translation " L.L Kimura

The announcement of dawn appears as a glowing streak upon the heavens
It is a narrow opening in the darkness heralding the day
It is a messenger of the purple glimmer from the east
Streaks of red color long cloud formations
Reposing serenely upon the pillars holding up the heavens
I turn to gaze upon this focusing now on growth and the rising of a new day
Yes. Yes. It is now dawn.

O grant to us your radiant light
Here upon the earth, to stir us with the spirit of life
Hawai'i is in the brightness of day, it shines brilliant
From its boundaries from the east to the west
It wears as its finery a myriad of knowledge
Of deep insight from the depths of antiquity
My sole duty is to embrace and to cherish
So it be firm in the repositories of enlightenment
Yes. Yes. Here now is the brightness of day