

PALAPALAI

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He u'i no Palapalai, ho'okahi maluna o ka pu'u

Beautiful Palapalai, all alone on the hill.

E koho ana au kou nai me ka nani o pala'a

I will choose between your beauty and the beauty of the pala'a

Hele au i ke ala pololei, me ko'u pala'a i ka lima

I walk a straight path, with my pala'a in hand.

E 'ike 'oe i na kukuna o ka la.

But I see only you in the sun's rays.

Hui:

Wait for me, please wait for me

'I'ini au ia 'oe

I desire only you.

Please wait for me, darling wait for me

E maliu mai ia'u

Turn to me

U'i no 'oe nui ka nani, he aloha ku'u pu'uwai

You are beyond beauty, dear to my heart.

Ke kali nei au, ke kali nei au

Wait for me, wait for me.

'I'ini au ia 'oe

I desire only you.

Hui

Bridge:

Auheha kahi e hele ai, ha'ule au i ko'u pala'a

Where do I go? I drop my pala'a

E maliu mai ia'u, 'auheha kahi e hele ai

Turn to me, Where do I go?

Hui (2x)

Paka composed this song many years ago while dating his now wife Jenn. He compares his wife to the Palaa fern which is strong and is used for backing in

Lei making. He says that Jenn is and has been his backbone and strength for all these years.