

Beautiful Kaua'i

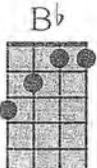
Lyrics & Music by Randy Farden 1968

F Bb F
 There's an island across the sea
 (Bb) C7 (Bb C7) F C7



Beautiful Kaua'i, beautiful Kaua'i

F Bb F
 And it's calling, just calling to me
 (Bb) C7 (Bb C7) F F7



Beautiful Kaua'i, beautiful Kaua'i

Bb (Bbm)

In the midst of Fern Grotto
 F C7 F
 Mother Nature made her home
 G7

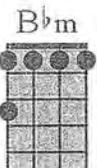


'neath the falls of Wailua

C7 Bb C7
 Where lovers often roam



F Bb F
 So I'll return to my isles across the sea
 (Bb) C7 (Bb C7) F C7



Beautiful Kaua'i, beautiful Kaua'i

F Bb F
 Where my true love is waiting for me

or a little easier

(Bb) C7 (Bb C7) F
 Beautiful Kaua'i, beautiful Kaua'i



Ending -

(Bb) C7 Bb Bbm F
 Beautiful Kaua'i, beauti-ful Kaua'i



Kaua'i [kau-(w)ah'-ee]
 Note the 3 syllables
 Many people - even some
 Hawaiians - grew up
 mispronouncing this word
 with only two syllables,
 as [kai'wai] ...or worse
 [cow-eye] Never too late to
 learn to say it correctly!



Wailua Falls
 wai/water; lua/two
 literally, "two waters."

Randy Farden wrote "Beautiful Kaua'i" at a hotel on the Garden Isle in 1967. It became a hit the following year after Don Ho recorded it and later became a hula standard, thanks to Kawai Cook and the Lei Kukui Serenaders. "The song was inspired by the fantastic view of Hanalei Valley, Mount Nomanu Kama and the bay he saw from his hotel window." Farden was born in Honolulu but grew up in Wai'anae. The Farden Ohana is one of Hawaii's most prolific and musically talented families. The composer's aunts include Irmgard Ah-Edna Bekeart, Emma Sharpe, Diane Fernandez and his cousins, Kekua and Kapala Fernandez, all composers, musicians and dancers in their own right. Ukulele Club of Santa Cruz - March 20