

# NĀ KINI PUA LEI MAMO HAWAI'I

## KS Staff Mele

**1. Puka mai ka lā i ka wena o ke ao**

The sun rises in the rosy glow of dawn

**I ke a'o kūpuna mālamalama**

Like the enlightened ways of our ancestors

**2. 'O ka lamakū Ke Ali'i Pauahi**

Chiefess Pauahi, a beacon

**Pua hi'ipoi a Kalani Mehameha**

Cherished descendant of High Chief Kamehameha

**3. He mea nui ke aloha i nā kini**

Among the highest of virtues; compassion for the people

**Nā kini pua lei mamo Hawai'i**

The generations of Hawaiian youth blossoming forth

**4. Waiwai ka leo kono a ka ho'okipa**

Greatly valued is the hospitable voice of the host

**I ke kipa 'ana i kēia wahi nei**

During this visitation here in this place

**5. Ma 'ane'i mau ke aloha ko'i'i**

Here will always be a deep abiding devotion

**A koe nō nā pua, lawa ku'u lei.**

Indeed, the youth remain, completing my lei

*(Kāhea)* **E ō e nā kini pua lei mamo Hawai'i.**

Respond, o generations of Hawaiian youth blossoming forth

This mele was written for the staff of Kamehameha Schools. It can be used as an expression of greeting, identification, affirmation, gratitude, or as a ho'okupu. The phrase "kēia wahi nei" in the fourth verse can be replaced with the location where the chant is being offered (e.g., Kapālana, Pukalani, Kea'au, Kawaiaha'o, etc.). This is an opportunity to acknowledge the place where one is visiting and to honor the hosts of that place, at the discretion of the chanter. Wherever the mele is heard, other KS members who are present are always welcome to stand and join in as an expression of kuleana and lōkahi.