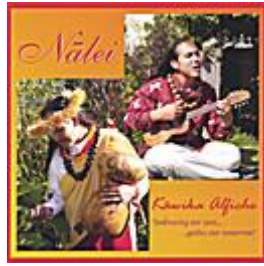


Mp3 Kawika Alfiche - Nalei



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values and protocols. "Nalei" continues the traditional sounds of Hawaiian music that we have all know and love. It is within the stories told in the mele (music) that have been passed down for generations, with its morals and values, that people can truly be enriched in their personal lives. Everyone can benefit from the lessons taught and the music of Kawika Keikiali'i Alfiche hopes to reach people far and wide, touching people who may not be exposed to the Hawaiian culture and share with them the spirit of aloha. Hawaiian dance and music are inextricably linked to the land. The ancient chants and movements passed from one generation to another reflect and evoke diverse aspects of the lush terrain and rich surrounding nature of the islands. They also honor significant deities, leaders and ancestral places that are a vital part of Hawaii's history. The text of the songs often have an additional layered meaning, which is believed to be a code of conduct to guide generations to understand cultural etiquette. "Nalei" is a reminder of all of these things. Like a lei, many experiences and emotions are strung together to make a life filled with beauty, delight, sorrow, and love. Like a lei, woven together are the many and diverse occasions that have brought fulfillment to the soul. Like a lei, we are all joined together in some manner or form. All of these are brought together to create a complete life indeed. Kawika Keikiali'i Alfiche is sharing his life with us. He is sharing the people in his life, he is sharing the places in his life, and for a brief moment he is sharing who he is. Kawika has chosen to make n mea Hawai'i his life. It is with him every waking moment and also in his dreams. These dreams are becoming a reality and how lucky we are. So come, listen to "Nalei", remember the good times, the sad times, the happy times...all of those special times. Come and be reminded of all the special people in our lives. Come...find a comfortable cushion, bring your favorite pp, bring a special friend, and listen to "Nalei".

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