

MANA WAHINE, HE PULAPULA NO KA MOANA ĀKEA
Lufi A Luteru

Hina glorious
moon mother
empower the seed
ko te māramatanga
seed of revival thriving

contained deep
within oceanic skin
sacred child
ke awe o Kanaloa
he purapura

swim with kaitiaki
manaia, mangōpare
sandpaper skin
lead her
wonderous father manō

burst forth
Moana ākea
seek Siamese mothers' wisdom
womb of pō infinity
he kākano

manifest the vision long silenced
blackened kukui
mo'o speak
of malu stars
and hua pods of knowledge
tap deep
within land and sea
timeless
ancestral stories
te ara o te wairua

guide her
pueo hands
within diving
spiral currents,
outstretched upward
inward awaken
ka 'ike pāpālua
lead her to koru insight
mana wahine
he pulapula no ka Moana ākea