

Ka‘ililauokekoa for piano students (level 3)

Music students; after listening, and after reading below a little about the legend of Ka‘ililauokekoa, do answer the questions at the end of this page.

Based on the Kaua‘i legend, Ka‘ililauokekoa was a princess awakened one night by the lilting sound of a nose flute. The next night she was again awakened, but this time, the flute called her by name. She went in search of the flute in the rain and mist and journeyed far up the Wailua River to a place called Pihanakalani. There she found the young man with the flute and fell in love with him. Her parents protested her marriage to this strange musician, but the young man in reality was a prince.

1. The video starts with a Hawaiian flute (‘Ohe hano ihu) and Ka‘eke‘eke drums. What do these 2 Hawaiian music instruments have in common?
2. When the piano begins in the l.h., what instrument is it imitating?
3. When the r.h. starts in the beginning, what instrument is it imitating?
4. At what measure does a reference to Henry Waia‘u’s song begin?
5. At what measure does a reference to the chorus begin?
6. Do you think the lovers finally meet? At which measure do you think that might have happened?

About the composer of the original song “Ka‘ililauokekoa”, Henry Waia‘u:
http://www.mondoymusic.com/MM_Chair/chr_ahahimemi_composers.htm

Sheet music/translation of the original song “Ka‘ililauokekoa”: contact Mr. M.