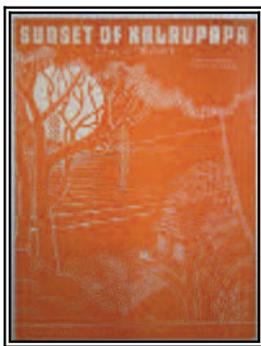


Sunset of Kalaupapa

C Eb dim Dm
 The sunset of Kalaupapa
 G7 C C7
 Smiles thru the evening rain
 F G
 The tradewinds of Kalaupapa
 G7 C
 Sing like an old refrain
 C Eb dim Dm
 There's music of romancing
 G7 C C7
 Moonlight and stars above
 F G
 Your magic charms, your dancing
 G7 C B7
 Fill every night with love
 E
 My island of dreams
 B7 E
 Means so much to me
 G/D
 When you're in my arms
 D7 G
 Sighing tenderly
 C Eb dim Dm
 So hold me close, my darling
 G7 C C7
 Kiss me as lovers do
 F G
 Then "Sunset of Kalaupapa"
 G7 C
 Will be a dream come true



Original 1950 Sheet Music Cover,
in brilliant "kikānia" orange

Kalaupapa Sunset (Rob Mondoy, 2009)

From **Sweet Leilani**, an autobiography by Harry Owens:

The composer, afflicted with Hansen's disease was exiled to Kalaupapa when he was 2 years old. Frank, the brother of Harry Owens, commuted to the leper colony at regular intervals to teach piano and discovered this song. He sent it to Harry, who publicized it on his TV show, December 1, 1950, printed copies of the song and asked his audience to purchase a copy for \$1.00, promising to send all of the money to the 400 outcasts at Kalaupapa. Owens paid for more than 10,000 copies, received in excess of \$14,000.00 and hand delivered the money to Kalaupapa, January 8, 1951. The elders: a judge, a lawyer, a business administrator (all infected with Hansen's disease) decided to buy a concert grand piano, guitars, ukuleles, steel guitars, bull fiddles and a TV, requested by the 28-year-old blind Samson Kuahine, who never saw a sunset at Kalaupapa.



Sammy Kuahine (bass), with other
community members, Kalaupapa, ca. 1950
(Courtesy Franciscan Sisters of Hawai'i)



Sunset of Kalaupapa

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*Mele Aloha
O Moloka'i*

Andante, Easy swing eighths

Ōlelo me ka leo: Samson Kuahine (ca.1920-1958), 1950

Transcribed after Molokai Trio (1966) and after common practice at Kalaupapa

♩ = 96

The sun-set of Ka-lau - pa - pa smiles through the eve-ning rain, The
trade-winds of Ka-lau - pa - pa sing like an old re-frain, There's mu-sic of ro-
man - cing, moon-light and stars a - bove, Your mag-ic charms, your
danc-ing fill ev'-ry night with love. My is-land of dreams means so
much to me When you're in my arms sigh-ing ten-der - ly. So
hold me close, my dar-ling kiss me as lov - ers do, Then
"Sun-set of Ka-lau - pa - pa," will be a dream come true.

Chords: C, E^bdim, Dm, G⁷, C, C⁷, F, G, G⁷, C, E^bdim, Dm, G⁷, C, F, G, G⁷, C, B⁷, E, B⁷, E, G/D, D⁷, G⁷, C, E^bdim, Dm, G⁷, C, C⁷, F, G, G⁷, C