

# Ua Ao Hawai'i

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Kau e ka wena o ke ao i ka lani  
*The announcement of dawn appears as a glowing streak upon  
the heavens,*

He wekeweke i ka pō pilipuka  
*It is a narrow opening in the darkness heralding the day,*

He 'elele o ka poniponi hikina  
*It is a messenger of purple glimmer from the east.*

Kau ke kāhe'a wana'ao i ka 'āla'apapa  
*Streaks of red stain long cloud formations,*  
La'i ana i luna o ke kūkulu o ka lani lā  
*Reposing serenely upon the pillars holding up the heavens;*

'O ka'u ia e huli alo nei i ka ulu ē  
*I turn to gaze upon this, focusing on growth and the rising of a  
new day,*

'Ae, ua ao ē.  
*Yes, day has arrived.*

Hō mai lā kō mālamalama  
*Bestow upon us your radiant light*  
I ka honua nei i ka maui ola  
*Here upon the earth, filled with the spirit of life.*

Ua ao Hawai'i ke 'ōlino nei  
*Hawai'i is in the brightness of day, it shines, brilliant*

Mai ka pi'ina a ka welona a ka lā  
*From its boundaries from the east to the west.*

Kāhiko 'ia i ka 'ike manomano  
*It wears as its finery a myriad of knowledge,*

Ka 'ike kōli'u mai o kikilo mai  
*Of deep insight from the depths of antiquity.*

'O ka'u nō ia 'o ka pūlama  
*My sole duty is to embrace and to cherish,*  
A pa'a ma ka ipu o ka 'ike ē.  
*So it may be firm in the repositories of enlightenment.*

'Ae, ua ao ē.  
*Yes, day has arrived.*

He mele no Hawai'i ua ao.  
*This is a poem for Hawai'i which has seen the light of day.*