



Beautiful Kaua'i

Lyrics & Music: Randy Farden

C C7 F C
There's an island across the sea
G7 C
Beautiful Kaua'i, beautiful Kaua'i
F C
And it's calling, just calling to me
G7 G7 F C7
Beautiful Kaua'i, beautiful Kaua'i

F
In the mist of Fern Grotto
F
Mother Nature made her home
G7
'Neath the falls of Wailua
G7
Where lovers often roam

F C7 F F
So I'll return to my isle across the sea
G7 F
Beautiful Kaua'i, beautiful Kaua'i
F C7 F F
Where my true love is waiting for me
G7 F
Beautiful Kaua'i, beautiful Kaua'i

Randy Farden wrote "Beautiful Kauai" at a hotel on the Garden Isle in 1967. It became a hit the following year after Don Ho recorded it and later became a hula standard thanks to Kawai Cockett and the Lei Kukui Serenaders. "The song was inspired by the fantastic view of Hanalei Valley, Mount Nomolo Kama and the bay he saw from his hotel window," said Tony Todaro, in his book *Golden Years of Hawaiian Entertainment*. Farden was born in Honolulu but grew up in Waianae. He is a member of one of Hawaii's most accomplished musical families. Irmgard Farden Aluli is his aunt.