



'Ekolu Mea Nui

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Based on I Cor 13:13 "And now abideth faith, hope and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love", this hīmeni was composed for the Congregational church's hō'ike in Maui about 1925, by Robert Nāwāhine (1868-1951) an outstanding musician and leader of the central Maui churches.

'Ekolu mea nui ma ka honua

'O ka mana'ō 'i'ō, ka mana'ō lana

A me ke aloha, ke aloha ka i 'oi a'e

Pōmaika'i nā mea āpau

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Three important things in the world

Faith, hope

And love, love is the best

And everything is blessed

And everything is blessed

E nā mākua nā keiki

Nā mamo a 'Iuda me 'Epeleima

E pa'a ka mana'ō i ka pono i 'oi a'e

Pōmaika'i nā mea āpau

Pōmaika'i nā mea āpau

Oh parents, children

Descendants of Judah and Ephraim

Think always that righteousness is best

And everything is blessed

And everything is blessed

