

Beautiful Kaua'i

Lyrics & Music by Randy Farden 1968



Kaua'i [kau-(w)ah'-ee]

*Note the 3 syllables
Many people - even some
Hawaiians - grew up
mispronouncing this word
with only two syllables,
as [kah' wai]or worse
[cow-eye] Never too late to
learn to say it correctly!*

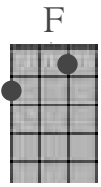


Wailua Falls

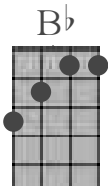
*wai/water; lua/two
literally, "two waters."*

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," Farden was born in Honolulu but grew up in Wai'anae. The Farden 'Ohana is one of Hawaii's most prolific and musically talented families. The composer's aunts include Irmgard Aluli, Edna Bekeart, Emma Sharpe, Diane Fernandez and his cousins, Kekua and Kapala Fernandez, all composers, musicians and dancers in their own right

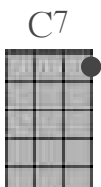
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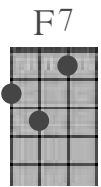
F Bb F
There's an island across the sea
(Bb) C7 (Bb C7) F C7
Beautiful Kaua'i, beautiful Kaua'i



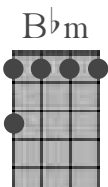
F Bb F
And it's calling, just calling to me
(Bb) C7 (Bb C7) F F7
Beautiful Kaua'i, beautiful Kaua'i



Bb (Bbm)
In the midst of Fern Grotto
F C7 F
Mother Nature made her home
G7

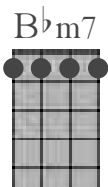


'neath the falls of Wailua
C7 Bb C7
Where lovers often roam



F Bb F
So I'll return to my isles across the sea
(Bb) C7 (Bb C7) F C7
Beautiful Kaua'i, beautiful Kaua'i

or
a little easier



F Bb F
Where my true love is waiting for me
(Bb) C7 (Bb C7) F
Beautiful Kaua'i, beautiful Kaua'i
Ending -
(Bb) C7 Bb Bbm F
Beautiful Kaua'i, beauti-ful Kaua'i