



'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 Māui about 1925, by Robert Nāwāhine (1868-1951) an outstanding musician and leader of the central Māui churches.

'Ekolu mea nui ma ka honua
'O ka mana'o 'i'o, ka mana'o lana
A me ke aloha, ke aloha ka i 'oi a'e
Pōmaika'i nā mea āpau
Pōmaika'i nā mea āpau

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 'Epelaima
E pa'a ka mana'o 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

