



R. Alex Anderson, was born in Honolulu in 1894, and from high school to his passing in 1995, composed nearly 200 songs. "Andy", as he was called by close friends wrote songs based on traditional Hawaiian themes, telling of flowers, scenes, islands, seas, people, events and customs. A prominent businessman by vocation, and a WWI veteran, he had no formal music training and spoke no Hawaiian, yet his compositions still go to the hearts of those who love Hawaii as "paradise" for people all over the world.

Among the most familiar of his compositions are "Forever Hawaiian" and "Let the Stars" "White Ginger Blossoms" was written at the suggestion of film star Mary Pickford, and "I Will Remember You" while a student at Cornell University, homesick for his Island home.

His most famous song, "Mele Kalikimaka", Hawaii's Christmas song, spread around the world on the back of Bing Crosby's recording of "White Christmas". Crosby, Andy Anderson's frequent visitor and golf partner, made the song so much when Andy played it for him, that he surprised Anderson with the recording.

R. Alex Anderson was inducted into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame in 1977.

INTRO  
G7 G7 F

# Mele Kalikimaka

F

C7

F7

Bb

D7

G7

Gm

C

Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say  
 On a bright Hawaiian Christmas day  
 That's the island greeting that we send to you  
 From the land where palm trees sway  
 Here we know that Christmas will be green and bright  
 The sun will shine by day and all the stars by night  
 Mele Kalikimaka is Hawaii's way  
 To say Merry Christmas to you



Add to ending: *a very very merry merry Christmas*

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G7 C7 F slide bar 4-5  
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