

68 Hilo Hattie Does the Hilo Hop

by Don McDiarmid, Sr & Johnny Noble

Don McDiarmid, Sr. was part of the Harry Owens band at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in 1935, when he wrote this song. Judged a clever tune about a sexy siren, it was not 'high class' enough to be performed at the hotel. McDiarmid set it aside and about a year later, Clara Inter, a school teacher and member of Louise Akeo's Royal Hawaiian Girls' Glee Club found the song and performed it on a trip to Canada with the glee club. In the summer of 1937, while leading his own band in the Monarch Room of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Clara Inter insisted on performing this song that catapulted the composer and performer to fame. Clara was so closely identified with the song, she adopted the title as her legal name. Hilo Hattie was born!



When Hilo Hattie does the Hilo Hop

Gaug C Gdim

There's not a bit of use for a traffic cop

G7 Gdim G7

For everything and everybody comes to a stop

D7 G7 C

When Hilo Hattie does the Hilo Hop

Gaug C Gdim

The sugar raises cane the palms trees sigh

G7 Gdim G7

The ukuleles fret and the birds won't fly

D7 G7

The Humuhumunukunukus stop swimming by

C G7 C F C

When Hilo Hattie does the Hilo Hop

C7

That wahine has an opu

F

With a college education

F7 B7 Eb7 D7

There's no motion she don't go thru

G7 Gaug

She doesn't leave a thing to your imagination

C7

Hattie does a dance no law would allow

C Gdim G7

A crater got a look and it's sizzling now

D7 G7

She'd better watch her step or everything will be pau

C G7 C F C

When Hilo Hattie does the Hilo Hop

C7

They took Hattie to the hoosegow

F

Hattie went along quite gaily

D7

She said "Oh judge, turn me loose now,

G7 Gaug

I'll do my dance while you play your ukulele."

C Gdim

Hattie should've died from too much gin

G7 Gdim G7

But she will never pay for her life of sin.

D7 G7

St. Peter's gonna take a look and say "come on in"

C G7 C

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