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| **Vamp D7**  G7 C (2x) G7  C  Was the night befo’ Christmas  and all through the hale  G7  There was singing and dancing,  **G**  and ho’o malimali  Mama’ in her mu’u mu’u  and papa’ in his malo  G7 C  Greeting ‘aikane, “Pe’ehea, mahalo!”  **Bridge**  F G7 C  Sister got her flowers for a lei  G7 C  Brother watched the imu all though the day  F G7 C  Soon the music boys began to play  D7 G7  Mele old and new of Hawaii nei  C  The table was loaded with plenty of kau kau  G7 C  Opihi and salmon and steaming hot lau lau  We ate and talked story until we were pau  G7 C  It was really maika’i at a Christmas luau.  **Instrumental Verse**  **Repeat from Beginning**  **Repeat from Bridge**  **Outro**  G7 C  Really maika’i at a Christmas luau  G7 C  Really maika’i at a Christmas luau.  **Vamp D7 G7 C (2x)** |  |  | |  | |  | |
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| *Hale – House*  *Ho‘o malimali – Flattery*  *Mu‘u mu‘u – A loose dress, often worn for formal occasions*  *Malo – Traditional loincloth*  *Aikāne – Good friends*  *Pe’ehea – Howzit (how are you)*  *Mahalo – Thank you*  *Lei – A garland of flowers, leave, nuts, or shells*  *Imu – Underground oven; food is wrapped (usually in leaves), covered, and baked*  *Mele – Songs*  *Hawai‘i nei – "This beloved Hawai‘i"*  *Kau kau – Pidgin slang term for food*  *‘Opihi – A gastropod of the limpet family that is a delicacy (and, apparently, very hard and dangerous to collect off the rocks).*  *Lau lau – Pork or fish wrapped in taro or ti leaves and steamed (very tasty!)*  *Pau – Done, finished*  *Maika‘i – Good, fine*  **Source:** [Christmas Lū‘au (a Hawaiian Night Before Christmas song)](http://ayuh-aloha.blogspot.com/2012/12/christmas-luau-hawaiian-night-before.html)  *A good tutorial if you’re rusty on this song:*  [**"Christmas Luau" Ukulele Play-along**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxg_FOaoX1M) | | | | | | |

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