

Mayoress's Inauguration 2015
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Sue will wear her civic chains with pride,
letting them clink
as she bows with reverence,
claps her hands with the crowds,
chuckles at events and occasions,
lets them hang
inert
at many a meeting
upholding the democratic values.

Sue will smile
her non political smile
with an honest integrity
upholding her values
with equality and fairness.

Sue knows
what her people want.

Sue appreciates
what her people suffer.

Sue will wear her civic chains with pride
even when she's singing,
even when she's gardening,
sewing, cooking

balancing the books.

We know this
because her dreams have taken her
to motherhood, grand motherhood,
to Hawaii
and now we are here

uniting, celebrating
our new Mayoress,

Our first citizen.

Our Sue.
As she wears her civic chains with pride.