

Have you ever actually tried to go to the other end of the rainbow? Have you ever really wondered what was on the other side? Or how the colors were named? Well let's talk about it. Our story starts in ancient Hawaii. Now at this time in life no hawaiians knew the names of the colors. This girl had three cats and three dogs. The first cat was a red and was named 'ula. The second was orange and was named 'alani and the third was yellow and was named Mele mele. I think you get it now so when I say the first dog was green what do you think its name was? That's right ōma'oma'o! The second dog was blue and named Polū. The last pooch was indigo but she was named Poni. The girl's name was Hope and she gave hope to everyone. When the fishermen came back with very few fish she said "It's okay we can last a day or two with no fish". When they went through a drought she reminded them of the emergency water supply. Now let's get back to our story. One day Hope was listening to Tutu talk story. The story was about rainbows. No one knew how they were made of course though. They thought that the hawaiin god Lono created the first rainbow by when he married the goddess Laka. He slid down the rainbow to earth just as he married Laka. Then Hope raised her hand. "Yes Hope?" asked Tutu. "What are the colors in a rainbow?" asked Hope "well there are not colors they are more of well um well" Tutu didn't even know. That's what caused Hope to have hope and find out what rainbows were.

Hope started out the next day with her pets. All the cats walked on one side and the dogs on the other. She went past waterfalls and frogs. Mountains and Valleys. Her plan was to go to the top of a mountain. The dogs would help her by sniffing out the best one and sniffing out bad or dangerous animals. And the cats would help by catching food with their sharp claws. Hope and her team of animals had been walking for a while when ōma'oma'o's ears twitched and her tail began to wag. Soon after Polū and Poni did the same thing. Hope followed them. They were led to a mountain. It was covered in green trees and icy water falls.

It had birds singing delightful songs that made you happy. But Hope did not know which way to go left or right or straight. She was worried if one would be too dangerous or too steep. This is where the cats came in. 'ula was the first to notice that the right side was too steep her sharp eye sight could see that it was straight and that it wasn't a good hill to roll down. Mele mele noticed that the middle of the mountain was crowded with waterfalls and no one could get past that it was way too slippery. And so they went with their only option left: The left side. It was mostly a trail however they did encounter a couple of forks or trees that have fallen. Once there was a tree with a huge stump. It had fallen, you couldn't go over it because it was too big. You couldn't go around it because it was too tall (when it was alive) besides if you were to go around it, it would take a long time because it went on for miles and miles. So the only other way was to go under. Ōma'oma'o was the best at digging and loved the earth so once he dug it and everybody got to the other side he could put his paw down on earth which would cause the spot where he dug up the tunnel to grow back. He dug up the tunnel and all the dirt flecks went everywhere causing 'alani to hiss and meow. Hope crawled through the tunnel to make sure it worked. Because if she could fit then the animals could fit. She shouted "IT WORKED" from the other side of the tree trunk. When they reached the top of the mountain Hope and her animal crew were so excited! As Hope reached the top of the mountain however something hit her. What if she named the colors. She saw the rainbow and was stunned with how pretty and bright it was. "Okay," she said, "I am going to name the colors". "'ula will be red, 'alani will be orange, and Mele mele will be yellow. Now for you pups, oma'oma'o will be... green, Polu will be blue and Poni will be purple! There perfect!". And so Hope and her animals went back to the village and told everyone the names. And still today those names are used. And they all lived happily ever after the end.