

Island in the Sun

Written by Harry Belafonte and Irving Burgie (Lord Burgess).

C F
This is my island in the sun
G7 C
Where my people have toiled since time begun.
Dm
I may sail on many a sea
C G7 C
Her shores will always be home to me.

Chorus:

C F G7 C
Oh, island in the sun, willed to me by my father's hand
F
All my days I will sing and praise
G7 C
Of your forests, waters, your shining sands.

C F
As morning breaks the heaven on high
G7 C
I lift my heavy load to the sky.
Dm
Sun comes down with a burning glow
C G7 C
Mingles my sweat with the earth be-low.

Chorus

C F
I see woman on bended knees
G7 C
Cutting cane for her family.
Dm
I see man at the water side
C G7 C
Casting nets at the surging tide.

Chorus

C F
I hope the day will never come
G7 C
That I can't awake to the sound of a drum,
Dm
Never let me miss carnival
C G7 C
With cal-ypso songs philo-sophi-cal.

