

Jamaica Farewell

By Irving Burgie—Recorded by Harry Belafonte, 1956

Intro: C F G7 C (1x)

C F G7 *NS*

1) Down the way where the nights are gay, and the sun shines

C F

daily on the mountain top, I took a trip on a sailing ship,

C G7 C

and when I reached Jamaica, I made a stop.

C F

Chorus: But I'm—sad to say, I'm on my way,

G7 C

/ Won't be back for many a day,

F

My heart is down, my head is turning around,

C G7 C

(End: Repeat chorus)

I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town.

C F C G7

2) Sounds of laughter everywhere, and the dancing girls

C F

swing to and fro. I must declare my heart is there,

C G7 C

though I've been from Maine to Mexico.

(Chorus)

C F C

3) Down at the market you can hear, ladies cry out while

G7 C F

on their heads they bear—Ackee, rice, salt fish are nice,

C G7 C

and the rum is fine any time of year.

(Chorus)