

Island in the Sun (Harry Belafonte)

Intro: (hum) C F G7 C

C F G7 C
This is my island in the sun where my people have toiled since time begun,

Am Dm C G7 C
I may sail on many a sea, her shores will always be home to me.

Chorus:

C Dm G7 C
Oh island in the sun willed to me by my father's hand,

Am F G7 C
All my days I will sing in praise of your forest, waters your shining sands.

C F G7 C
As morning breaks the heaven on high I lift my heavy load to the sky,

C Dm C G7 C
Sun comes down with a burning glow, mingles my sweat with the earth below.

Chorus

C F G7 C
I see woman on bended knee, cutting cane for her family;

Am Dm C G7 C
I see man at the water side, casting nets at the surging tide.

Chorus

C F G7 C
I hope the day will never come that I can't awake to the sound of drum;

Am Dm C G7 C
Never let me miss carnival, with calypso songs philosophical.

Chorus X2

(hum) C F G7 C