

# Island In The Sun

(As recorded by Harry Belafonte)

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

## Chorus

**C** **Dm**  
Oh, island in the sun,  
**G** **F** **C**  
Built to me by my father's hand.  
**Am** **Dm**  
All my days I will sing in praise  
**Dm** **G** **C**  
Of your forest waters, your shining sand.

**C** **F**  
As morning breaks, the heaven on high,  
**G** **F** **C**  
I lift my heavy load to the sky.  
**C** **Am** **G** **F**  
Sun comes down with a burning glow;  
**C** **G** **C**  
Mingles my sweat with the earthly low.

### *(Repeat Chorus)*

**C** **F**  
I see a woman on bended knee,  
**G** **F** **C**  
Cutting cane for her family.  
**C** **Am** **G** **F**  
I see a man at the water-side,  
**C** **G** **C**  
Casting nets, at the surfing tide.

### *(Repeat Chorus)*

**C** **F**  
I hope the day will never come  
**G** **F** **C**  
That I can't awake to the sound of drum.  
**C** **Am** **G** **F**  
Never let me miss carnivale,  
**C** **G** **C**  
With calypso songs, philosophical.

### *(Repeat Chorus)*