

The World Collection



Island in the Sun (Belafonte/Burgess)

Calypso song

Musical score for "Island in the Sun" in D major, 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with corresponding chord symbols above them.

Staff 1: D G A⁷ D

Staff 2: B^m E^m D A⁷ D

Staff 3: D G A D

Staff 4: B^m E^m A D

Island in the Sun

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

Oh, island in the sun,
Willed to me by my father's hand;
All my days I will sing in praise
Of your forest, waters your shining sand.

When morning breaks the heaven on high,
I lift my heavy load up to the sky;
Sun comes down with a burning glow,
Mingles my sweat with the earth below. (Chorus)

I see woman on bended knee
Cutting cane for her family;
I see man at the water's side
Casting nets at the surging tide. (Chorus)

I hope the day will never come
That I can't awake to the sound of drum;
Never let me miss carnival,
With calypso songs philosophical. (Chorus)



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