

The World Collection



Island in the Sun (Belafonte/Burgess)

Calypso song

Musical score for mandolin in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a treble clef staff and a mandolin staff below it. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The mandolin staff contains fret numbers for the left hand.

System 1: Chords D, G, A7, D. Fret numbers: 0 0 0 5 5 | 2 2 5 5 5 | 4 4 4 4 2 | 2 0 0

System 2: Chords Bm, Em, D, A7, D. Fret numbers: 4 4 4 2 0 | 0 0 5 5 5 | 4 5 0 4 0 | 2 0 0

System 3: Chords D, G, A, D. Fret numbers: 4 4 4 | 5 5 5 | 2 2 2 0 2 | 5 4 4

System 4: Chords Bm, Em, A, D. Fret numbers: 0 0 0 2 4 | 5 5 4 2 0 | 6 6 6 4 6 | 2 0 0

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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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