

ISLAND IN THE SUN - Harry Belafonte

G **C**
1. This is my island in the sun,
D **G**
where my people have toiled since time begun.
Em **Am**
~ I may sail on many a sea,
G **D** **G**
but her shores will always be home to me.

G **C** **D** **G**
Oh, island in the sun, willed to me by my father's hand,
Em **Am**
all my days I will sing in praise
D **G**
of your forests, waters, your shining sands. (repeat chorus)

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2. As morning breaks the heaven on high,
D **G**
I lift my heavy load to the sky.
Em **Am**
~ Sun comes down with a burning glow,
G **D** **G**
mingles my sweat with the earth below. +CHORUS

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3. I see women on bended knees
D **G**
cutting cane for their families.
Em **Am**
~ I see men at the water side
G **D** **G**
casting nets at the surging tide. + CHORUS

G **C**
4. I hope the day will never come,
D **G**
that I can't awake to the sound of a drum.
Em **Am**
Never let me miss carnival,
G **D** **G**
calypso songs full of subtle call. + CHORUS