

# Island in the Sun

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*start "a a a d d"*

1.           D                   G  
This is my Island in the sun,  
                  A7                           D  
where my people have toiled since time begun,  
hm                   em  
I may sail on many a sea,  
          D                           A           D  
her shores will always be home to me.

R.:           D           G           A                           D  
O, Island in the sun,   willed to me by my father's hand,  
hm                           em                           A                           D  
all my days I will sing in praise of your forests, waters, your shining sand.

2.           D                           G  
When morning breaks the heav'n on high,  
          A7                           D  
I lift my heavy load to the sky,  
hm                           em  
sun comes down with a burning glow  
          D                           A           D  
that mingles my sweat with the earth below.

3.           D                           G  
I see woman on bended knee,  
          A7                           D  
cutting cane for her family,  
hm                           em  
I see man at the waterside,  
          D                           A           D  
casting nets at the surging tide.

4.           D                           G  
I hope the day will never come  
          A7                           D  
that I can't awake to the sound of drum.  
hm                           em  
Never let me miss Carnival  
          D                           A           D  
with Calypso songs philosophical.