

Jamaica Farewell - Kani Rev 8.13.21

Key of G

Jamaican Folk Song - Lyrics Irving Burgie

Calypso Strum

Intro:

G C D7 G G/

Verse 1:

tacet C
Down the way where the nights are gay
D7 G
And the sun shines daily on the mountain top
G C
I took a trip on a sailing ship
D7 G
And when I reached Jamaica I made a stop

Chorus:

G C
But I'm sad to say, I'm on my way
D7 G
Won't be back for many a day
G C
My heart is down, my head is turning around
D7 G G/
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston town

Verse 2:

tacet C
Down at the market you can hear
D7 G
Ladies cry out while on their heads they bear
G C
Akee, rice, salt fish are nice
D7 G
And the rum is fine any time of year

Chorus:

G C
But I'm sad to say, I'm on my way
D7 G
Won't be back for many a day
G C
My heart is down, my head is turning around
D7 G G/
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston town

Verse 3:

tacet C
 Sounds of laughter everywhere
 D7 G
 And the dancing girls sway to and fro
 G C
 I must declare my heart is there
 D7 G
 Though I've been from Maine to Mexico

Final Chorus:

G C
 But I'm sad to say, I'm on my way
 D7 G
 Won't be back for many a day
 G C D7 G
 My heart is down, my head is turning around I had to leave a little girl in Kingston town,
 G
 Kingston town,
 G G/
 Kingston town

