Jamaica Farewell

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Down the way where the nights are gay

And the sun shines daily on the mountain top

I took a trip on a sailing ship

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My heart is down, my head is turning around
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston townDown the market you can hear
Ladies cry out while on their heads they bear

'Akey' rice, salt fish are nice

And the rum is fine any time of yearBut I'm sad to say I'm on my way
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My heart is down, my head is turning around
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston townSounds of laughter everywhere
And the dancing girls sway to and fro

I must declare my heart is there

Though I've been from Maine to MexicoBut I'm sad to say I'm on my way
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