Island in the Sun

Harry Belafonte

Oh island in the sun
Built to me by my father's hand
All my days I will sing in praise
Of your forest waters, your shining sandAs morning breaks, the Heaven on high
I lift my heavy load to the sky
Sun comes down with a burning glow

Mingles my sweat with the earth belowOh island in the sun

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Of your forest waters, your shining sandI see woman on bended knee

Cutting cane for her family

I see man at the water-side

Casting nets at the surging tideOh island in the sun

Built to me by my father's hand

All my days I will sing in praise

Of your forest waters, your shining sandI hope the day will never come

When I can't awake to the sound of drum

Never let me miss carnival

With calypso songs philosophicalOh island in the sun

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Of your forest waters, your shining sand

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