

Island In the Sun – 1957: Belafonte & Burgie / Harry Belafonte

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2DjyPoyCcE&feature=related>

[D] This is my island [G] in the sun
[A7] Where my people have toiled since [D] time
begun

[Bm] I may sail on [Em] many a sea
Her [D] shores will always be [A7] home to [D] me

[D] Oh island [Em] in the sun
[A7] willed to me by my [D] father's hand
[Bm] All my days I will [G] sing and praise
Of your [A7] forest waters your [D] shining sands [A7]
[D]

[D] As morning breaks the [G] heaven on high
[A7] I lift my heavy load [D] to the sky
[D] Sun comes down with a [Em] burning glow
[D] Mingles my sweat with the [A7] earth be [D] low

[D] Oh island [Em] in the sun [A7] willed to me by my [D]
father's hand [Bm] All my days I will [G] sing and
praise
Of your [A7] forest waters your [D] shining sands [A7]
[D]

[D] I see woman on [G] bended knee
[A7] Cutting cane for her [D] family
[Bm] I see man at the [Em] water side
[D] Casting nets at the [A7] surging [D] tide

[D] Oh island [Em] in the sun [A7] willed to me by my [D]
father's hand [Bm] All my days I will [Em] sing and
praise

Island In the Sun *(continued)*

Of your [A7] forest waters your [D] shining sands

[D] I hope the day will [G] never come

That [A7] I can't awake to the [D] sound of a drum

[Bm] Never let me miss [Em] carnival

With calypso songs philo[A7]sophi[D]cal

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father's hand [Bm] All my days I will [Em] sing and

praise

Of your [A7] forest waters your [D] shining sands.

