

Jamaica Farewell – Irving Burgie, Harry Belafonte 1957

<http://www.doctoruke.com/jamaicafarewellplayer.html>

Strum pattern calypso with emphasis on first up stroke: ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑

Introduction lead uke:

1, 2, 3, 4 C ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ F ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ C ↓ ↑ ↑ G7 ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ C ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑

Verse 1:

[C] Down the way where the [F] nights are gay and the

[C] sun shines [G7] daily on the [C] mountain top,

[C] I took a trip on a [F] sailing ship and when I [C] reach

Ja-[G7]-maica I [C] make a stop, but I'm

Chorus: Phrases with a '-' start on 1st up(↑) strum of pattern

[C] - Sad to say I'm [F] - on my way,

[G7] - won't be back for [C] - many a day

[C] My heart is down my head is [F] - turning around

[F] I had to [C] leave a little [G7] girl in [C] - Kingston town

Verse 2:

[C] Sounds of laughter [F] everywhere and the

[C] dancin' [G7] girls swing [C] to and fro

[C] I must declare my [F] heart is there, though I

[C] been from [G7] Maine to [C] Mexico, but I'm

Chorus:

[C] - Sad to say I'm [F] - on my way,

[G7] - won't be back for [C] - many a day

[C] My heart is down my head is [F] - turning around

[F] I had to [C] leave a little [G7] girl in [C] - Kingston town

Jamaica Farewell (continued)

Verse 3:

[C] Down at the market [F] you can hear ladies

[C] cry out [G7] while on their [C] heads they bear

[C] Ake rice, salt [F] fish are nice, and the [C] rum is [G7] fine
any [C] time of year, but I'm

Last chorus:

[C] - Sad to say I'm [F] - on my way,

[G7] - won't be back for [C] - many a day

[C] My heart is down my head is [F] - turning around

[F] I had to [C] leave a little [G7] girl in [C] - Kingston town

Ending:

I had to [C] leave a little [G7] girl in [C] Kingston town

↓ ↓ ↓ -

Optional ending:

I had to [C] leave a little [G7] girl in [C] - Kingston town

C ↓ ↑ G7 ↓↑↓↑ ↓↑↓↑ ↓↑↓↑ ↓ ↓ C ↓ ↓ ↓ -
I had to leave a little girl - in Kingston town

