

JAMAICA FAREWELL (LORD BURGESS (IRVING BURGIE), 1956) *

Intro: C F G C
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C F
Down the way where the nights are gay

C G C
and the sun shines daily on the mountain top

C F C G C
I took a trip on a sailing ship and when I reached Jamaica, I made a stop

Chorus:

C F G C
But I'm sad to say, I'm on my way; Won't be back for many a day

C F
My heart is down, my head is turning around

C G C
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town

Solo: C F G C
C F G C

C F C G C
Sounds of laughter everywhere and the dancing girls swaying to and fro

C F C G C
I must declare my heart is there though I've been from Maine to Mexico (Chorus)

C F C G C
Down at the market you can hear ladies cry out while on their heads they bear

C F C G C
Ackee, rice, saltfish are nice and the rum is fine any time of year (Chorus)

(Repeat first verse and final chorus)

Outro: C F G C

* Lord Burgess acknowledges that the tune is borrowed from another Jamaican song. Many people, including Harry Belafonte say the song is older. (From Wikipedia.org)