

# The Wind Blow the China Right Down in Town

Informant/Performer:  
Group of men and women  
Nassau, Bahamas, 1935

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Oh, the wind blow east, the wind blow west,  
the wind blow the Sun - shine right down in town.  
Oh, the wind blow the Chi - na right down in town.  
Sun - shine

Repeat ad lib.

Oh, the wind blow the Chi - na right down in town.  
Sun - shine

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and folk-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line ends with a fermata over the final note. The second line ends with a fermata over the final note. The third line ends with a fermata over the final note. The fourth line ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'Oh, the wind blow east, the wind blow west, the wind blow the Sun - shine right down in town. Oh, the wind blow the Chi - na right down in town. Sun - shine Repeat ad lib. Oh, the wind blow the Chi - na right down in town. Sun - shine'.

Transcribed by Gail Needleman

## Background Information

The *Sunshine* and the *China* were ships; they were lying in Kingston harbor during a hurricane and were blown out of the water and into the streets of the town.