

CALYPSO MEDLEY

1. ISLAND IN THE SUN.

(SLOWLY)
(MEN): 1. This is my island in the sun, where my people have toiled since time began,

I may sail on many a sea, ^(A tempo) her shores will always be home to me.

Cho: **Oh Island in the sun, willed to me by my father's hand,
All my days I will sing in praise of your forest waters, your shining sand.**

(LADIES)
2. I see woman on bended knee, cutting cane for her family,

(MEN)
I see man at the waterside, casting nets at the surging tide. Cho.

(MEN)
3. When 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 below. Cho.

(LADIES)
4. I hope the day will never come, that I can't awake to the sound of drum;

Never let me miss carnival, with calypso songs philosophical. Cho.

2. YELLOW BIRD

Yellow bird, up high in banana tree, yellow bird, you sit all alone like me.

Did your lady friend leave the nest again, that is very sad, makes me feel so bad.

You can fly away, in the sky away, You more lucky than me.

(Men) I also had a pretty girl, she not with me today,

(ALL)
They all de same, those pretty girls, build them de nest, and they fly away.

Yellow bird.....

3. JAMAICA FAREWELL.

1. Down the way where the nights are gay, and the sun shines daily on the mountain top,

I took a trip on a sailing ship, and when I reached Jamaica I made a stop.

Cho: **But I'm sad to say I'm on my way, Won't be back for many a day.**

My heart is down, my head is turning around, I had to leave a little girl in Kingston Town.

(MEN)
2. Sounds of laughter everywhere, and de dancing girls swaying to and fro,

I must declare that my heart is there, tho' I've been from Maine/ to Mexico. Cho.

(LADIES)
3. Down at de market you can hear ladies cry out, while on their heads they bear,

"Ackey rice, salt fish are nice, ^(MEN) and de rum is fine any time of year". Cho.