

## Jamaica Farewell

*This is a Jamaican-style folk song. The lyrics by Lord Burgess (Irving Burgie), an American-born, half-Barbadian songwriter. The tune is from another mento (Jamaican song) called "Iron Bar". The line "ackee rice, saltfish are nice" refers to the Jamaican national dish. The song was written for Harry Belafonte's 1956 album Calypso. Roud 44478.*

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

### Chorus

*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*

Down at the market you can hear  
Ladies cry out while on their heads they bear  
Ackee rice, saltfish are nice  
And the rum is fine any time of year

### Chorus

Sounds of laughter everywhere  
And the dancing girls swing to and fro  
I must declare my heart is there  
Though I've been from Maine to Mexico

### Chorus X2