

JAMAICA FAREWELL – Lord Burgess

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 reach 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.

Sounds of laughter everywhere, and the dancing girls swaying to
and fro.

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

CHORUS

Down at the market you can hear ladies cry out while on their
heads they bear: Ackee rice, salt fish are nice and the rum is fine
any time of year.

CHORUS

Per Wikipedia: A Jamaican-style folk song about the beauties of the West Indian Islands. The song first appeared on Harry Belafonte's phenomenally successful album Calypso. The lyrics for the song were written by Lord Burgess (Irving Louis Burgie), an American-born, half-Barbadan songwriter. The Kingston Trio took their name from the mention of Kingston, Jamaica in the song, though they only recorded it many years later, in 2006. The line "ackee rice, saltfish is nice" refers to the Jamaican national dish "ackee and saltfish."