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C F
Down the way where the nights are gay,
G C
And the sun shines daily on the mountaintop.
F
I took a trip on a sailing ship,
G C
But when I reached Jamaica I made a stop.

Chorus:

Dm
But I'm sad to say I'm on my way,
G7 C
Won't be back for many a day.
Dm
My heart is down, my head is spinning around;
G7 C
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston town.

Chorus

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

Chorus

Down at the market you can hear,
Ladies cry out while on their heads they bear,
Akkay rice, salt fish are nice,
And the rum is good any time of year.

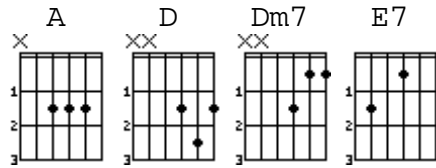
Chorus x2

D[A]own the way, where the n[D]ights are gay,
And the s[A]un shines d[E7]aily on the m[A]ountain top,
I took a trip on a s[D]ailing ship,
And when I re[A]ached Ja[E7]maica, I made a s[A]top.

{c:Chorus:}

But I'm s[A]ad to say, I'm [D]on my way,
W[E7]on't be back for m[A]any a day,
My heart is down, my head is t[D]urning around,
I had to l[A]eave a little g[E7]irl in Kingston t[A]own.

Jamaica Farewell (words & music by Lord Irving Burgess)
Harry Bellafonte



A **D**
Down the way, where the nights are gay,
E/ **D/** **A**
C#m **Bm**
And the sun shines daily on the mountain top,

A **D**
I took a trip on a sailing ship,
E **D** **E7/** **A/**
C#m **Bm**
And when I reached Jamaica, I made a stop.

A **D (or Bm7)**
But I'm sad to say, I'm on my way,

E7 **A**
Won't be back for many a day,

A/ **A7/** **D (or Bm7)**
My heart is down, my head is turning around,

A/ **E7/** **A**
I had to leave a little girl in Kingston town.

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

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

