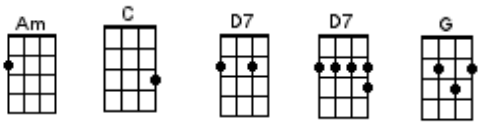
JAMAICA FAREWELL v5

Irving Burgie, 1957



INTRO: [G] [C] [G] [G]

[G] Down the way where the
[C] nights are gay,
And the **[D7]** sun shines daily on the **[G]** mountain top,
[G] I took a trip on a **[C]** sailing ship,
And when I **[D7]** reached Jamaica I **[G]** made a stop.

Chorus: But I'm **[G]** sad to say I'm **[Am]** on my way,
[D7] Won't be back for **[G]** many a day,
My **[G]** heart is down, my head is **[Am]** turning around,
I had to **[D7]** leave a little girl in **[G]** Kingston town. **[G]**

[G] Down the market **[C]** you can hear,
Ladies **[D7]** cry out while on their **[G]** heads they bear,
[G] 'Akee' rice, salt **[C]** fish are nice,
And the **[D7]** rum is fine any **[G]** time of year.

Chorus: But I'm **[G]** sad to say I'm **[Am]** on my way,
[D7] Won't be back for **[G]** many a day,
My **[G]** heart is down, my head is **[Am]** turning around,
I had to **[D7]** leave a little girl in **[G]** Kingston town. **[G**
[G] Sounds of laughter **[C]** everywhere,
And the **[D7]** dancing girls sway **[G]** to and fro,
[G] I must declare my **[C]** heart is there,
Though I've **[D7]** been from Maine to **[G]** Mexico.

Chorus: But I'm **[G]** sad to say I'm **[Am]** on my way,
[D7] Won't be back for **[G]** many a day,
My **[G]** heart is down, my head is **[Am]** turning around,
I had to **[D7]** leave a little girl in **[G]** Kingston town. **[G]**

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Chorus: But I'm **[G↓]** sad to say I'm **[Am↓]** on my way,
[D7↓] Won't be back for **[G↓]** many a day,
My **[G↓]** heart is down, my head is **[Am↓]** turning around,
I had to **[D7↓]** leave a little girl in **[G↓]** Kingston town