Jamaican Anthem

Jamaica, Land We Love.

Verse 1
Eternal Father, bless our land,
Guard us with Thy mighty hand,
Keep us free from evil powers,
Be our light through countless hours.
To our leaders, great defender,
Grant true wisdom from above.
Justice, truth be ours forever,
Jamaica, land we love.
Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica, land we love.

Verse 2
Teach us true respect for all,
Stir response to duty's call,
Strengthen us the weak to cherish,
Give us vision lest we perish.
Knowledge send us, Heavenly Father,
Grant true wisdom from above.
Justice, truth be ours forever,
Jamaica, land we love.
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The anthem was written by Reverend Hon. Hugh Sherlock, with music composed by Hon. Robert Lightbourne and arranged by Mapletoft Poulle and Christine Alison Poulle.

Traditional Folk Songs.

Mi carry mi ackee go a Linstead Market (Miss Louise Bennett)

Mi carry mi ackee go a Linstead Market
Not a quattie worth sell
Mi carry me ackee go a Linstead Market
Not a quattie worth sell

[Chorus]
Lawd what night, not a bite
What a Saturday night
Lawd what a night not a bite
What a Saturday night

Everybody come feel up, feel up
Not a quattie worth sell

Everybody come feel up, feel up
Not a quattie worth sell

[Chorus]
Lawd what night, not a bite
What a Saturday night
Lawd what a night not a bite
What a Saturday night

All di pickney come linga ling
Fi weh dem mumma no bring
All di pickney come linga ling
Fi weh dem mumma no bring

[Chorus]
Lawd what night, not a bite
What a Saturday night
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What a Saturday night.

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Moonshine Tonight

Moonshine tonight, come mek we dance and sing.
Moonshine tonight, come mek we dance and sing.

Chorus
Mi deh rock so, yuh deh rock so,
Under Banyan tree.
Mi deh rock so, yuh deh rock so,
Under Banyan tree.

Ladies mek curtsy, and gentleman mek bow.
Ladies mek curtsy, and gentleman mek bow.

Chorus
Mi deh rock so, yuh deh rock so,
Under Banyan tree.
Mi deh rock so, yuh deh rock so,
Under Banyan tree.

Come we join hands, mek we dance 'round and sing.
Come we join hands, mek we dance 'round and sing.

Chorus
Mi deh rock so, yuh deh rock so,
Under Banyan tree.
Mi deh rock so, yuh deh rock so,
Under Banyan tree.

Poem: Colonization in Reverse
by Louise Bennett



Wat a joyful news, Miss Mattie,
I feel like me heart gwine burs
Jamaica people colonizin
Englan in Reverse

Be the hundred, be de tousan
Fro country and from town,
By de ship-load, be the plane load
Jamaica is Englan boun.

Dem pour out a Jamaica,
Everybody future plan
Is fe get a big-time job
An settle in de mother lan.

What an islan! What a people!
Man an woman, old an young
Jus a pack dem bag an baggage
An turn history upside dung!

Some people doan like travel,
But fe show dem loyalty
Dem all a open up cheap-fare-
To-England agency.

An week by week dem shipping off
Dem countryman like fire,
Fe immigrate an populate
De seat a de Empire.

Oonoo see how life is funny,
Oonoo see da turnabout?

Jamaica live fe box bread
Out a English people mout'.

For wen dem ketch a Englan,
An start play dem different role,
Some will settle down to work
An some will settle fe de dole.

Jane says de dole is not too bad
Because dey paying she
Two pounds a week fe seek a job
dat suit her dignity

me say Jane will never fine work
At de rate how she dah look,
For all day she stay popn Aunt Fan couch
An read love-story book.

Wat a devilment a Englan!
Dem face war an brave de worse,
But me wondering how dem gwine stan
Colonizin in reverse.

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