

Island in the Sun

(written by Harry Belafonte & Irving Burgie)

Chorus: *Oh, island in the sun*
Willed to me by my father's hand
All my days I will sing in praise
Of your forest, waters, your shining sand

Verse 1: This is my island in the sun
Where my people have toiled since time begun
I may sail on many a sea
Her shores will always be home to me

Verse 2: As morning breaks the heaven on high
I lift my heavy load to the sky
Sun comes down with a burning glow
Mingles my sweat with the earth below

This is the title track of a 1957 film starring Harry Belafonte. The film built on the success of his 'Calypso' album. This song is full of imagery about Caribbean life, recalling the 'forest, waters and shining sand'. Despite the up-tempo, major key mood of the song, there is an undercurrent of political comment about the working life endured on the island "where my people have toiled since time begun"

CHORUS

Oh i - sland in the sun Willed to me by my fa - ther's hand

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All my days I will sing in praise of your for - ests wa - ters, your shin - ing sands

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VERSE

This is my is - land in the sun, Where my peo - ple have toiled since time be-gun

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I may sail on ma - ny a sea Her shores will al - ways be home to me

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Key: D
Time: 4/4

intro

D	D	D	D

chorus

D	G	A	D
F# F# F#	G GG	E EE D E	GF# F#
O, island	in the sun	Willed to me by my	father's hand

D	G	A	D
D DD EF#	GG B ED	C#C#C# B C#	ED D
All my days I will	sing in praise of your	forests, waters, your	shining sands

verse

D	G	A	D
AAA DC#	BB D, DD	CC CB C	B AA
This is my island	in the sun, where my	people have toiled since	time begun

D	G	A	D
F#F#B A	AGF#G	F#F#E AF# E	E DD
I may sail on	many a sea	Her shores wil always be	home to me

D Chord: D | F# | A
G Chord: G | B | D
A Chord: A | C# | E