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# Calypso for Kids

Show Notes and Lyrics (rough draft)

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## Introduction

**Calypso for Kids** is an amusing musical tour of the Caribbean. Along the way, students are treated to a fun and engaging blend of songs and audience participation activities. Through this experience, students will learn the culture, geography, music and history of the West Indies.

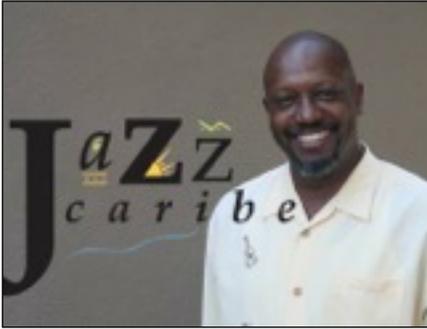
Each program begins with establishing rapport with the students. The students learn that they will be asked to “have fun, listen and have fun.” JamaicaBob then explain the importance of listening - that if the students listen well, they can have the most fun by becoming a part of the show.

Songs are introduced by a brief description of an island nation of the Caribbean. The facts and/or trivia that are mentioned are used for question and answer later throughout the show. Song intros may also have other information like descriptions of instruments used in the program. An example might be in cases where there is a steel drummer. They would share the story of how the instrument came into being and other special and unique features about the instrument.

[This edition of C4K Show Notes is missing the island introduction content. The flags represent which islands will be used as the setting for each song.]

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# Song Lyrics



## Island In The Sun – Belafonte

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

Oh island in the sun  
built to me by my father's hand  
all my days I will sing in praise  
of your forest waters  
your shining sand

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 earthly low

Chorus

Solo  
I see woman on bended knee  
cutting cane for her family  
I see man at the water-side  
casting nets at the surfing tide

Chorus

I hope the day will never come  
that I can't awake to the sound of drum  
never let me miss carnival  
with calypso songs philosophical.

Chorus

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## COCOA MAN



VS Well I come here, from Africa and India  
From Britain, China, Madera and France  
Pack up in a boat, I come cross the water  
With only a shirt and a pair of pants

And they put me and m' brother to work plantation  
Whether rain fallin' or sun shining hot  
And a wet up the land with m' perspiration  
And a hundred and fifty years pass just like that

VS' And the tower in town (I build that)  
Sugar cane on the ground (I grow that)  
The canal to the sea (I dig that)  
And the right to be free (I earn that)

CH Trinidad, (Cocoa) Jamaica, (Cocoa)  
Antigua, (Cocoa) Guyana, (Cocoa)

Break Cocoa Man (4x)

VS And a man with cocoa face was m' daddy  
And m' mother was an angel singing a song  
And a love every blade of grass in m' country  
And when I go away it's never for long

VS' And the boat by the shore (I made that)  
And the rug on the floor (I weave that)  
And the roads all about (I made that)  
When this land was in drought (I bear that)

CH Monserat, (Cocoa) St. Lucia, (Cocoa)  
St. Vincent, (Cocoa) Bermuda, (Cocoa)

Break Cocoa Man (4x)

VS Now I pass on m' legacy to m' children  
And I hope it's something they understand

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They all have a place in this growing nation  
Here in the land of the Cocoa Man

VS' The landscape on the wall (I paint that)  
Gold medal Montreal (I win that)  
Diamond ring on your hand (I find that)  
Every piece of this land (I own that)

CH Grenada, (Cocoa) Tobago, (Cocoa)  
St. Martin, (Cocoa) Dominica, (Cocoa)

Grenadines, (Cocoa) Grand Cayman  
Monserat, (Cocoa) Nevis, (Cocoa)

Ceva, (Cocoa) St. Lucy, (Cocoa)  
Martinique, (Cocoa) Jamaica, (Cocoa)



## THE NAUGHTY LITTLE FLEA

CHORUS Where did the naughty little flea go?  
Nobody knows, nobody knows  
Where did the naughty little flea go?  
Nobody knows nobody knows

VS 1 A naughty flea he came to town  
Starting searching up and down  
Looking for a place to nest  
Where he could get some food and rest

CHORUS

VS 2 He saw a lady round and fat  
Smiled a smile and tipped his hat  
He said, Oh yes I'm goin' have a ball  
Man look at all that cholesterol

CHORUS

VS 3 The naughty flea went to the beach  
He saw such tasties in his reach  
He said, Hooray and thank the Lord  
That's what I call a smorgasbord

CHORUS

VS 4 The naughty flea went to the zoo  
He saw a skunk and bit into  
He bit him in the usual place  
And said, Holy mackerel, what a taste

CHORUS

VS 5 So my friends, well you can see  
The big advantage in being a flea  
Just remember that whatever you do  
What you bite is what is what you chew. CHORUS (2X)

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## Day-O – Belafonte



Day-o, day-o  
Daylight come and me wan' go home  
Day, me say day, me say day, me say day  
Me say day, me say day-o  
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Work all night on a drink of rum  
Daylight come and me wan' go home  
Stack banana till de mornin' come  
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Come, Mister tally man, tally me banana  
Daylight come and me wan' go home  
Come, Mister tally man, tally me banana  
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Lift six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch  
Daylight come and me wan' go home  
Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch  
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Day, me say day-o  
Daylight come and me wan' go home  
Day, me say day, me say day, me say day...  
Daylight come and me wan' go home

A beautiful bunch o' ripe banana  
Daylight come and me wan' go home  
Hide the deadly black tarantula  
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Lift six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch  
Daylight come and me wan' go home  
Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch  
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Day, me say day-o

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Daylight come and me wan' go home  
Day, me say day, me say day, me say day...  
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Come, Mister tally man, tally me banana  
Daylight come and me wan' go home  
Come, Mister tally man, tally me banana  
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Day-o, day-o  
Daylight come and me wan' go home  
Day, me say day, me say day, me say day  
Me say day, me say day-o  
Daylight come and me wan' go home



## Hot Hot Hot

### CHORUS

Feelin' HOT, HOT, HOT,  
Feelin' HOT, HOT, HOT

VS M' Mind's on Fire, M' Soul's on fire  
Feelin' HOT, HOT, HOT  
Party people all around me  
Feelin' HOT, HOT, HOT

What to do on a night like this  
Music sweet, I can't resist  
We need a party song  
A fundamental Jam

Break So it's bum ditti bum bum  
Let me rum ditti rum rum

### CH

CH' Ooolay Ooolay, Ooolay Ooolay (2X)

Feelin' HOT, HOT, HOT (2X)

VS See people rockin', See people jammin'  
Feelin' HOT, HOT, HOT  
Feel the spirit, Come on let's do it  
Feelin' HOT, HOT, HOT

In the air, celebration time  
Let music captivate your mind  
We have this party song  
A fundamental jam

Break Chorus - Chorus' - Chorus - Vamp – Chorus

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Optional songs:

### **JAMAICA FAREWELL**



VS 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 reached 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

VS Sounds of laughter every where  
And the dancing girls swing to and fro  
I must declare my heart is there  
Tho I've been from Maine to Mexico

Chorus

VS 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

VS 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 reached 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

(2X)

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## When You've got a Heart You can See



When You've got a Heart You can See  
You're no different than me  
The bigger the better your heart  
The sooner acceptance will start  
When you've got a heart you can see.

[Verse]

The scientists all have to say  
We're basically made the same way  
When this we start to believe  
We'll start to wear love on our sleeve  
When You've got a Heart You can See

[Chorus]

So instead of trying to find  
The differences found in mankind  
We should focus on where we could be  
by living in harmony  
When You've got a Heart You can See

Chorus

Red and yellow, black brown or white  
Our colors should be out of sight  
So all of the people today  
Should try hard to live this way  
When You've got a Heart You can See

Chorus

So let's live like we know this is true  
Loving is the best thing to do  
And when we let this show  
Then everyone will know  
that when You've got a Heart You can See