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 ma de a stop

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 turnin' around I had to leave a lit tle girl in Kingston town

Sounds of laughter everywhere and the dancing girls swayin' to and fro

I must declare my heart is there although I've been from Maine to Mexico

But I'm sad to say...

Down at the market you can hear ladies cry out while on their h eads they bear

Ackey rice salt fish are nice and the sun is fine anytime of the year

But I'm sad to say...