Cane standin' in the fields gettin' old and red
Lot of misery in Georgetown three men layin' dead
Joshua head of the government he said strike for better pay
Cane cutters are strikin' but Joshua gone away
Joshua gone Barbados staying in a big hotel
People on St Vincent got many sad tales to tell
The sugar mill owner told the strikers I don't need you to cut
my cane

Bring me another bunch of fellas your strike be all in vain Get a bunch of tough fellas bring 'em from Zion Hill Bring 'em in a bus to Georgetown know somebody could kill Sunny Child the overseer I swear he's an ignorant man Walkin' through the canefields pistol in his hand Joshua gone Barbados just like he don't know people on the island got no place to go

Police givin' protection new fellas cuttin' the cane Strikers can't do nothin' strike be all in vain Sunny Child cussed the strikers wave his pistol round They're beatin' Sunny with a cutlass beat him to the ground There's a lot of misery in Georgetown you can hear all the wome n bawl

Joshua gone Barbados he don't care at all Cane standin' in the fields gettin' old and red Sunny Child in the hospital pistol on his bed I wish I could go to England Trinidad or Curacao People on the island got no place to go Joshua gone Barbados stayin' in a big hotel People on St Vincent got many sad tales to tell