Jamaica was the lovely one, I played her well As we lay in the tall grass where the shadows fell Hiding from the children so they would not tell We would stay there 'till her sister rang the evening bell

Jamaica, say you will Help me find a way to fill these empty hours Say you will come again tomorrow

The daughter of a captain on the rolling seas
She would stare across the water from the trees
Last time he was home he held her on his knees
And said the next time they would sail away just where
they pleased

Jamaica, say you will Help me find a way to fill these lifeless sails And stay until my ships can find the sea

Jamaica was a sweet young one, I loved her true

She was a comfort and a mercy through and through

Hiding from this world together, next thing I knew

We had brought her things down to the bay -- what could I

do

Jamaica, say you will Help me find a way to fill these sails And we will sail until our waters have run dry