

# WEST INDIAN FOLKSONGS FOR CHILDREN

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**Merrily We Roll Along**  
**Ring a Ring a Rosie**  
**Christmas, Christmas**  
**Early in the Morning**  
**Limbo Dance**  
**Show Me Your Motion**  
**In A Fine Castle**  
**If You See Little Brown Boy, Call Him For Me**  
**Annie Ronnie**

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# WEST INDIAN FOLKSONGS FOR CHILDREN

sung by  
**Lord Invader**  
with  
**The Calypso Orchestra**

Words and Music to all these songs by  
**LORD INVADER**



Drawings by Tom Feelings

## SIDE I

### Band 1: MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG

Chorus

Mer-ri-ly we roll a-long, -  
Roll a-long, - Roll a-long, -  
Mer-ri-ly we roll a-long, - My fair  
la-dy - .

Handwritten musical notation for 'Merrily We Roll Along' in G major, 4/4 time. It includes a chorus section with lyrics and chord markings (D, A7) above the notes.

Chorus: Merrily we roll along,  
My fair lady.

I lost my watch and broke my chain,  
Broke my chain, broke my chain.  
I lost my watch and broke my chain,  
My fair lady.

Chorus

I lost the buttons off my coat...

Chorus

Now kids will you please jump around...

Chorus

Down to prison you must go...

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### Band 2: RING A ROSY

Chorus

Ring a ring a ro-sy, - Pock-et is so  
co-zy, - stick a feath-er in his hat and  
call it ma-ca-ro-ni. - Ring a ring a,  
Ring a ring a rose  
stick a feath-er in his hat and call it ma-ca-  
ro-ni. -

Handwritten musical notation for 'Ring a Rosy' in G major, 4/4 time. It includes a chorus section with lyrics and chord markings (D, A7, G) above the notes. There are also some bracketed numbers like [8] and [3] indicating phrasing.

Jack and Jill went up the hill  
To catch a pail of water.  
Jack fell down, and broke his crown  
And Jill came tumbling after.

Chorus

Now, Tommy will you tell me  
What happened to Rosy?  
Stick a feather in her hat  
And call her macaroni.

Chorus

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall.  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the king's horses, all the king's men  
Couldn't bring back Humpty at all.

Chorus

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### Band 3: CHRISTMAS, CHRISTMAS

CHRORUS G  
Christ-mas, Christ-mas, comes once a year, And ev-ry  
one must have their <sup>share</sup> This com-ing Christ-mas I hope you en-  
joy, Fa-ther Christ-mas must bring you toys.  
verse  
Yes wheth-er you are rich or poor,  
Christ-mas comes to your door. And to tell you can-didly  
For Christ-mas ev-ry-one must be mer-ry —

This father it must be told,  
He go all over the world,  
Giving kids presents as you know,  
That is why I mention in my calypso.

Chorus

He makes everyone feel happy,  
Visiting every family.  
Candidly I must let you know,  
All over the world Father Christmas go.

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### Band 4: EARLY IN THE MORNING

Ear-ly in the morn-ing, Ear-ly in the  
morn-ing, Ear-ly in the morn-ing, Un-  
til the break of day when I was young I

had no sense, I bought a fid-dle for fif-ty cents, The  
on-ly tune I could have played, was Down the Ri-ver and  
Far A- way. —

Chorus

And whenever I sing this tune  
All my playmates will join and croon.  
We form a ring and dance around  
And from then on we'll sing this song.

Chorus

All the kids in the neighborhood  
Said I was playing my fiddle so good.  
I slap my chest and start to boast,  
I drunk a soda and gave a toast.

Chorus

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### Band 5: LIMBO

CHORUS  
No-bo-dy can Lim-bo like me. Lim-bo,  
Lim-bo like me.

Can "Lord Thomas" Limbo like me...

Johnny can you Limbo like me...

Candy come and Limbo like me...

"Mighty Sparrow" Limbo like me...

"Lord Melody can Limbo like me...

Can these children Limbo like me...

Can my sister Limbo like me...

The sax man can Limbo like me...

That artist can Limbo like me...

"Lord Thomas can Limbo like me...

"Mighty Dictator" can Limbo like me...

"Duke of Iron" can Limbo like me...

All these kids can Limbo like me...

Come on children and Limbo like me...

"Lord Invader" is Limboing so...

Everybody Limbo like me...

Tell Myra to Limbo like me...

I won't ask you to Limbo like me...

Come on children and Limbo like me...

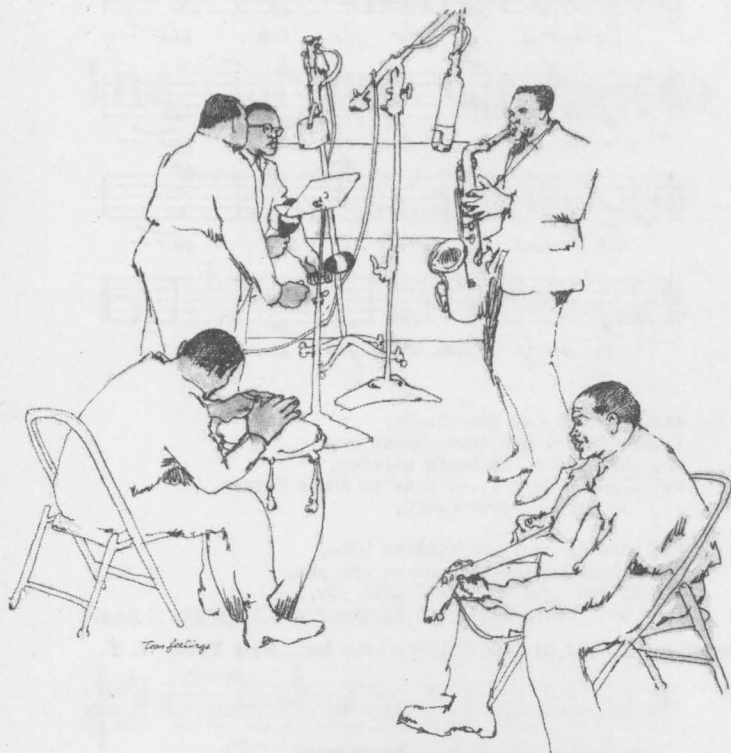
All school children must Limbo like me...

Everybody Limbo like me...

"Mighty Dictator" Limbo like me...  
 Come "Lord Thomas" and Limbo like me...  
 Everybody Limbo like me...  
 Come on Danry and Limbo like me...  
 Play the guitar and Limbo like me...  
 Play the drum and Limbo like me...  
 Come on sax and Limbo like me...  
 Bass man could you Limbo like me...  
 Everybody Limbo like me...

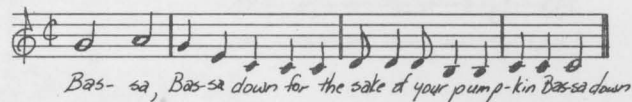
Lord Thomas, Mighty Sparrow, Lord Melody,  
 Mighty Dictator, Duke of Iron and Lord Invader are  
 names of famous Calypso singers.

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## SIDE II

### Band 1: BASSA DOWN



Show me your motion and Bassa Down Pouri  
 For the sake of your pumpkin Bassa Down.

Play the guitar and dance around,  
 For the sake.....

Show me your motion and Bassa Down,  
 For the sake...

Kids now dance around,  
 And show me your motion, Bassa Down.

Everybody Bassa Down,  
 For the sake...

All school children Bassa Down,  
 For the sake...

Join with me and sing a song,  
 For the sake...

Nosie Rank'll sing this song,  
 For the sake...

Lord Invader please Bassa Down,  
 For the sake...

Noah done what Bassa Down,  
 For the sake...

Form a ring and dance around,  
 For the sake...

Show me your motion and Bassa Down,  
 For the sake...

Everybody dance around,  
 For the sake...

All school children jump around  
 For the sake...

Come on kids and Bassa Down,  
 For the sake...

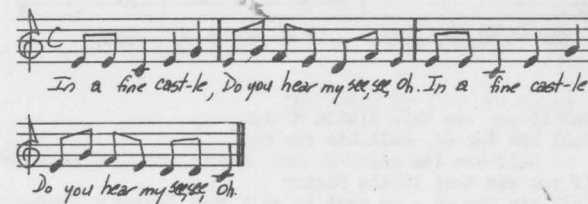
Everybody please Bassa Down,  
 For the sake...

All young kids come Bassa Down,  
 For the sake...

Come on kids and Bassa Down,  
 For the sake...

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### Band 2: SEE, SEE OH



Now, Tom what you going to give her,  
 Do you hear my see, see oh.

I'm going to give her a golden ring,  
 Do you hear...

She's a cute little kid,  
 Do you hear...

Form a ring and start to sing,  
 Do you hear...

Yes, I'm going to buy her a guitar,  
 Do you hear...

Don, what you going to give her,  
 Do you hear...

Sax man, what'll you give her,  
 Do you hear...

You're going to give her a saxophone,  
 Do you hear...

Drummer, what'll you give her,  
 Do you hear...

He's going to give her a drum, you know,  
 Do you hear...

Well, bass man, what you'll give her,  
 Do you hear...

He said he's going to give her a bass,  
Do you hear...

Children join the melody,  
Do you hear...

Clap your hands and sing with me,  
Do you hear...

Now kids don't you ever be ashamed,  
Do you hear...

Join the song and get in the game,  
Do you hear...

Now, kids will everybody sing,  
Do you hear...

Everybody loudly sing,  
Do you hear...

Answer the chorus and sing in time,  
Do you hear...

Because this song is a nursery children's rhyme  
Do you hear...

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### Band 3: CALL HIM FOR ME

And if you see a lit-tle brown boy, call him for me,  
Call him for me, Call him for me. And if you see a lit-tle brown boy  
call him for me, I want to walk the heav-en-ly road.

And if you see this little Mister  
Call him for me, call him for me,  
Call him for me.  
If you see that little Mister  
Call him for me - we want to walk that Heavenly Road.

And if you see a little brown girl...

And if you see my little boy friend...

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### Band 4: ANNIE ROONEY

An-nie Roon-ey, My sweet-heart,  
I love An-nie and An-nie loves me, Oh but as  
soon as An-nie mar-ries we'll ne-ver de-part; so  
Kiss me An-nie Roon-ey you are my sweet-heart.  
The rose is red, the vio-lets blue,  
Car-na-tions' sweet and so are you -  
But if you love me like I love you -  
it's on-ly death will part us two.

Annie Rooney, my sweetheart,  
I love Annie, and Annie loves me.  
Oh, but as soon as Annie marries,  
We'll never depart, so kiss me Annie Rooney,  
You are my sweetheart.

The rose is red, the violets blue,  
Carnations are sweet, and so are you.  
But if you love me like I love you,  
It's only death will part us two.

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