

# Portrait of Trinidad

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Trinidad is my land and of it I am proud and glad  
But I can't understand why some people does talk it bad  
But I know, all of dem who running dey mouth  
Don't what dey talkin 'bout  
They will paint here black every day  
And the right thing they would never say.

Like our sportsmen, being rated among the best  
Our scholars have sit and passed every test  
And put us right 'longside the rest  
But then our Pitch Lake is the greatest one of its kind  
Our sugar and oil is really refine  
So you see friends this is a real King Solomon's mine.

They does talk some nonsense, me ain't know what they doing it for  
'Bout so much violence, man you could swear that we fighting war  
Of course, we have we delinquents to face  
But just like any other place  
Look the things they does say 'bout here  
Is really too much for me to bear.

Because my people are daily making progress  
Without any form of stupidity  
And in this way we must gain success  
For when we moving, we all move as one body  
No bickering between you and me  
For our policy stand for racial equality.

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Now when a stranger spending a little time in this lovely isle  
Every day you see him, he always have a hearty smile  
And when his time is up to depart  
He would say with pride in heart  
I'll be back, you could bet you life  
And if I can't come I go send mih wife.

And he tell you, he really wants her to come  
To drink some rum and have plenty fun, in this great island in the sun.  
For Trinidadian as foreigners do recall  
It doesn't matter whether big or small  
Or if you rich or poor  
Friends we cater for one and all.

So all of dem whey talking, they either drunk or staring mad  
Or maybe they forgetting, Mr. Universe belongs to Trinidad  
And yet, we have men of talent and skill  
With high hopes of improving still  
And if you think all this is a lie  
The Mighty Sniper will tell you why.

Now our steelband is the best talent in dis world  
By calypsoes our stories are told,  
with its rhythm to touch your soul  
So Trinidad, this lovely land of my birth  
Small but overwhelming in worth  
And as you know Carnival is the greatest frolic on earth.