# The Island

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 / 1 2 3 /**

**[C] / [G] / [F] / [G] /**

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**[C]** Over an **[G]** ocean and **[C]** over the **[G]** sea

Be-**[C]**yond these great **[G]** waters, oh **[Dm7]** what do I **[G]** see? **[G]**

I **[C]** see the great **[G]** mountains **[C]** climb from the **[G]** coastline

The **[C]** hills of Cape **[G]** Breton, this **[Dm7]** new home of **[G]** mine **[G7]**

And we **[C]** come from the **[G]** countries all **[C]** over the **[C7]** world

To **[F]** hack at the **[C]** forests, to **[Dm]** plough the land **[G]** down

**[Am]** Fishermen **[G]** farmers, and **[C]** sailors all **[C7]** come

To **[F]** clear for the **[C]** future, this **[G]** pioneer **[C]** ground

**CHORUS:**

**[C]** We are an **[F]** island, a **[C]** rock in the **[G]** stream

**[C]** We are a **[F]** people, as **[D7]** proud as there’s **[G]** been

In **[C]** soft summer **[F]** breeze, or in **[C]** wild winter **[G]** wind

The **[Am]** home of our **[G]** hearts, Cape **[F]** Bre-**[C]**ton

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**[C]** Over the **[G]** rooftops and **[C]** over the **[G]** trees

With-**[C]**in these new **[G]** townships, oh **[Dm7]** what do I **[G]** see **[G]**

I **[C]** see the black **[G]** pithead, the **[C]** coal wheels a-**[G]**turnin’

The **[C]** smokestacks a-**[G]**belchin’, and the **[Dm7]** blast furnace **[G]** burnin’ **[G7]**

Ahh, the **[C]** sweat on the **[G]** back, is no **[C]** joy to be-**[C7]**hold

In the **[F]** heat of the **[C]** steel plant or **[Dm]** minin’ the **[G]** coal

And the **[Am]** foreign-owned **[G]** companies **[C]** force us to **[C7]** fight

**[F]** For our sur-**[C]**vival and **[G]** for our **[C]** rights

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**INSTRUMENTAL:**

**[C] / [G] / [F] / [G] /**

**[C] / [G] / [F] / [G] / [G] /**

**[C]** Over the **[G]** highways and **[C]** over the **[G]** roads

**[C]** Over the **[G]** causeway **[F]** stories are **[G]** told **[G]**

They **[C]** tell of the **[G]** coming, and the **[C]** goin’ a-**[G]**way

Ah, the **[C]** cities of A-**[G]**merica **[F]** draw me a-**[G]**way **[G7]**

Ah, the **[C]** companies **[G]** come, and the **[C]** companies **[C7]** go

And the **[F]** ways of the **[C]** world, we **[Dm]** may never **[G]** know

And we’ll **[Am]** follow the **[G]** footsteps of **[C]** those on their **[C7]** way

And will **[F]** ask for the **[C]↓** right, to **[G]** leave or to **[C]** stay

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