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Dreamland

EBDF#AB, 'Joni' Tuning: E73432

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On the Saturday morning of the 1999 Boston Jonifest, Catgirl was telling everyone how much she loves the version of Dreamland on the Hissing of Summer Lawns Demo (HOSLD) and said how much fun it would be if we could all play it together for the afternoon performance. The HOSLD had only recently become available to members of the JMDL and, as you may or may not know, in the HOSLD version of Dreamland, Joni plays guitar, whereas for the officially released version of Dreamland on Don Juan's Reckless Daughter, there are only percussion instruments accompanying the vocals. Anyway, I liked Catgirl's idea, so I sat down with the recording and worked out the following transcription which we used to perform the song that Saturday afternoon. When I returned to Vienna and had a closer listen, I realized it wasn't quite right, but I like this arrangement and wanted to preserve it as part of the JMDL Guitar catalogue. I hope you will enjoy it.

Intro:

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1st verse:

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It's a	long	long	way	from	Canada

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A long way from snow
             chains
                  Donkey vendors
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         007770
slicing coco-
         nut No
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007770
Black babies covered in
               baking flour the
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             007770
cook's got a carnival song I'm going to
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           007770
lay down someplace shady with
005550
          007770
dreamland coming on
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2nd verse:

Walter Raleigh and Chris Columbus
Come marching out of the waves
And claim the beach and all concessions
In the name of the suntan slaves
I wrapped their flag around me
Like a Dorothy Lamour sarong
And I lay down thinking national
With dreamland coming on
Dreamland, dreamland
Dreamland, dreamland

3rd verse:

Good time Mary and a fortune hunter
All dressed up to follow the drums
Mary in a feather hula-hoop
Miss Fortune with a rose on her big game gun
All saints, all sinners shining
Heed those trumpets all night long
Propped up on a samba beat
With dreamland coming on
Dreamland, dreamland
Dreamland, dreamland

4th verse:

Tar baby and the Great White Wonder Talking over a glass of rum Burning on the inside With the knowledge of things to come There's gambling out on the terrace Midnight gamblin' out on the lawn They lead toward temptation With dreamland coming on Dreamland, dreamland Dreamland, dreamland

5th verse:

On a plane flying to winter
In shoes full of tropic sand
Wrapped up in a foreign flag
On the arm of my Marlboro Man
The hawk howls in New York City
Six foot drifts on Myrtle's lawn
As we push the recline buttons down
With dreamland coming on
Dreamland, dreamland
Dreamland, dreamland

6th verse:

La, La ...
There's African sand on the trade winds
And the sun on the Amazon
As we push the recline buttons down
With dreamland coming on
Dreamland, dreamland
Dream, dream, dream, dreamland

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