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In the tradition of the griots of Western Africa and the epic poets / storytellers of ancient Greece, *calypso* music has long provided a form of social commentary for the people of Trinidad and Tobago.

Originating from the *kaiso* music of Western Africa and evolving with various influences over time, calypso is to Trinidad and Tobago what reggae is to Jamaica and samba is to Brazil.

Despite tackling subject matters that can often be serious, such as in Calypso Mama's *Court House Scandal*, a *calypsonian* conveys his/her subject matter in manner that is humorous – sometimes bawdy – and inherently enjoyable. Innuendo, suggestion and gossip are commonplace as a way of communicating the ups and downs of island life. This collection highlights a selection of classic and modern calypsos. Details of the albums from which these songs are taken follow below. These and more can be found at our website, arcmusic.co.uk

Discover Calypso!

1. **CALYPSO EDDIE:** Matilda

EUCD1774 Legends of Calypso – André Toussaint, Blind Blake, Calypso Mama...

Licensed in 2002 from Goombay Life World Music LLC, USA.

A collection of 25 witty and humorous calypso songs – historical recordings and greatest hits by some of the greatest calypso stars of the 1940s and 1950s.

2. **KING SELEWA & HIS CALYPSONIANS:** Africa

EUCD2076 Calypso Invasion

Licensed from Thierry de Crozals, Nice, France.

Sixteen cheeky-cheerful and humorous calypso songs, with *vocals, guitar, bass, sax, trumpet* and lots of *percussion*.

3. **BLIND BLAKE:** Brown Skin Gal/Mary Ann

EUCD1774 Legends of Calypso – André Toussaint, Blind Blake, Calypso Mama...

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4. **CALYPSO MAMA:** Court House Scandal

EUCD1774 Legends of Calypso – André Toussaint, Blind Blake, Calypso Mama...

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5. **STEELASOPHICAL:** Mary Ann

EUCD1486 Caribbean Steeldrums – 20 Most Popular Melodies

An ARC Music Production.

A CD full of sun, summer and Caribbean feel-good steeldrum music created by Gary Trotman (Steelasophical), whose music was used in the James Bond film 'Casino Royale'. Favourites such as *Yellow Bird*, *Island in the Sun*, *Brown Skin Girl*, *Spanish Eyes*, and many more make this an irresistible party CD. The booklet contains notes about the history and the construction of the steeldrum and comments on each of the songs. Get your party going with this CD!

6. **BLIND BLAKE:** Gin & Coconut Water

EUCD1774 Legends of Calypso – André Toussaint, Blind Blake, Calypso Mama...

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7. **KING SELEWA & HIS CALYPSONIANS:** Trinidad is the Place for Me

EUCD2076 Calypso Invasion

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8. **KING SELEWA & HIS CALYPSONIANS:** Jumbie Jamboree

EUCD2076 Calypso Invasion

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9. **BROWNIE:** The Bedbug Song

EUCD1774 Legends of Calypso – André Toussaint, Blind Blake, Calypso Mama...

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10. **KING SELEWA & HIS CALYPSONIANS:** Leon Morgan
EUCD2231 Calypso – Back to mi Home
An ARC Music Production.

Almost a full hour of boisterous, spirited, infectious tunes, swooping lead vocals with nicely complementary backing vocals, all in a light, relaxed mood. The arrangements show hints of ska, reggae, Latin as well as African influences. Extensive information in English, German, French and Spanish, complete lyrics.

“... full of lively and exciting music which is great fun to listen to.” – newsademic.com

11. **KING SELEWA & HIS CALYPSONIANS:** Back to mi Home
EUCD2231 Calypso – Back to mi Home
An ARC Music Production.

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12. **STEELASOPHICAL:** Island in the Sun
EUCD1486 Caribbean Steeldrums – 20 Most Popular Melodies
An ARC Music Production.

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13. **BLIND BLAKE:** De Pig an’ Goat
EUCD1774 Legends of Calypso – André Toussaint, Blind Blake, Calypso Mama...
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14. **KING SELEWA & HIS CALYPSONIANS:** Calypso Invasion
EUCD2076 Calypso Invasion
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15. **CALYPSO MAMA:** De Peas ‘n’ de Rice
EUCD1774 Legends of Calypso – André Toussaint, Blind Blake, Calypso Mama...
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16. **STEELASOPHICAL:** Pan Solo
EUCD1583 Steelasophical – 20 Famous Tropical Melodies – Calypso, Samba, Soca
An ARC Music Production.

A gorgeous CD full of Caribbean and other hits played by Gary Trotman (Steelasophical), whose music was used in the James Bond film 'Casino Royale'. Enjoy all time favourites such as Girl from Ipanema, Summertime, Besame Mucho, El Cumbanchero, Hotel California, Tico Tico, Bamboleo, My Way and many more – all in all 20 pieces, more than one hour of summer and Caribbean sun.

17. **KING SELEWA & HIS CALYPSONIANS:** J'ouvert Barre Oh
EUCD2076 Calypso Invasion
Licensed from Thierry de Crozals, Nice, France.

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18. **ANDRÉ TOUSSAINT:** Hold 'em Joe
EUCD1774 Legends of Calypso – André Toussaint, Blind Blake, Calypso Mama...
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19. **KING SELEWA & HIS CALYPSONIANS:** Osine o Dé
EUCD2076 Calypso Invasion
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20. **PEANUTS TAYLOR:** Lizzie Carry Basket
EUCD1774 Legends of Calypso – André Toussaint, Blind Blake, Calypso Mama...
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21. **STEELASOPHICAL:** Fever
EUCD1486 Caribbean Steeldrums – 20 Most Popular Melodies
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22. **KING SELEWA & HIS CALYPSONIANS:** Mami Watta
EUCD2076 Calypso Invasion
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23. **ANDRÉ TOUSSAINT:** Yellow Bird
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