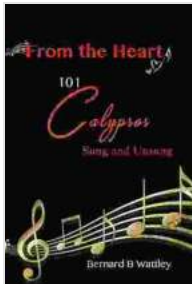


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Calypso is a genre of music that originated in Trinidad and Tobago in the early 19th century. It is a vibrant and energetic style of music that is characterized by its syncopated rhythms, catchy melodies, and often humorous or satirical lyrics. Calypso music has been a major part of Caribbean culture for centuries, and it continues to be popular today.

Over the years, many calypsos have been recorded and released, and some have become iconic hits. In this article, we will take a look at 101 of the most iconic and influential calypsos ever recorded. These songs are a testament to the power and beauty of calypso music, and they continue to inspire and entertain people around the world.

1. "The Lion" by Lord Kitchener



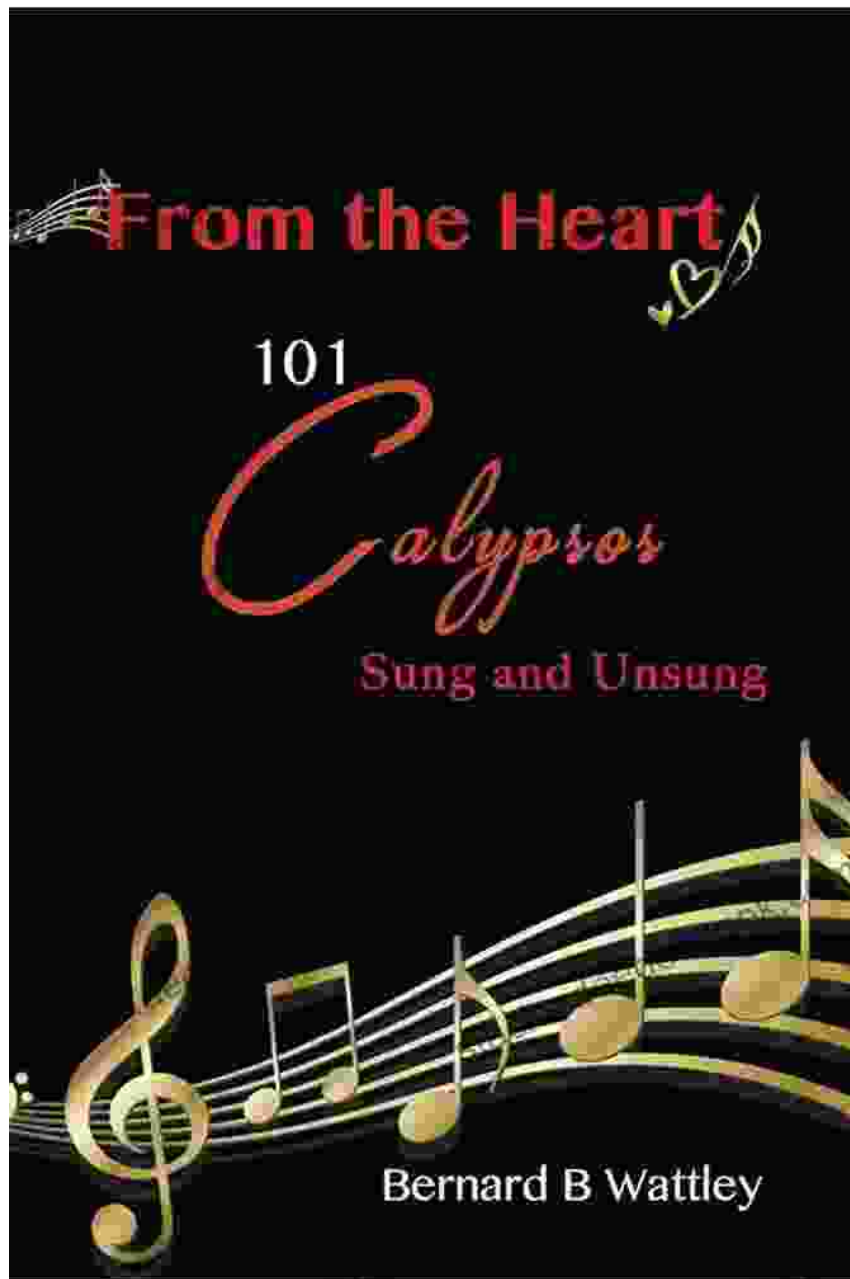
"The Lion" is one of the most famous calypsos ever recorded. It was written and performed by Lord Kitchener, and it was released in 1948. The song is a powerful and defiant anthem that celebrates the strength and resilience of the African people. "The Lion" has been covered by many artists over the years, and it remains a popular favorite today.

2. "Rum and Coca-Cola" by Lord Invader



"Rum and Coca-Cola" is a calypso that became a global hit in 1945. It was written and performed by Lord Invader, and it is one of the most recognizable calypsos ever recorded. The song is a fun and catchy tune that celebrates the pleasures of drinking rum and Coca-Cola. "Rum and Coca-Cola" has been covered by many artists over the years, including Harry Belafonte and the Andrews Sisters.

3. "Yellow Bird" by Harry Belafonte



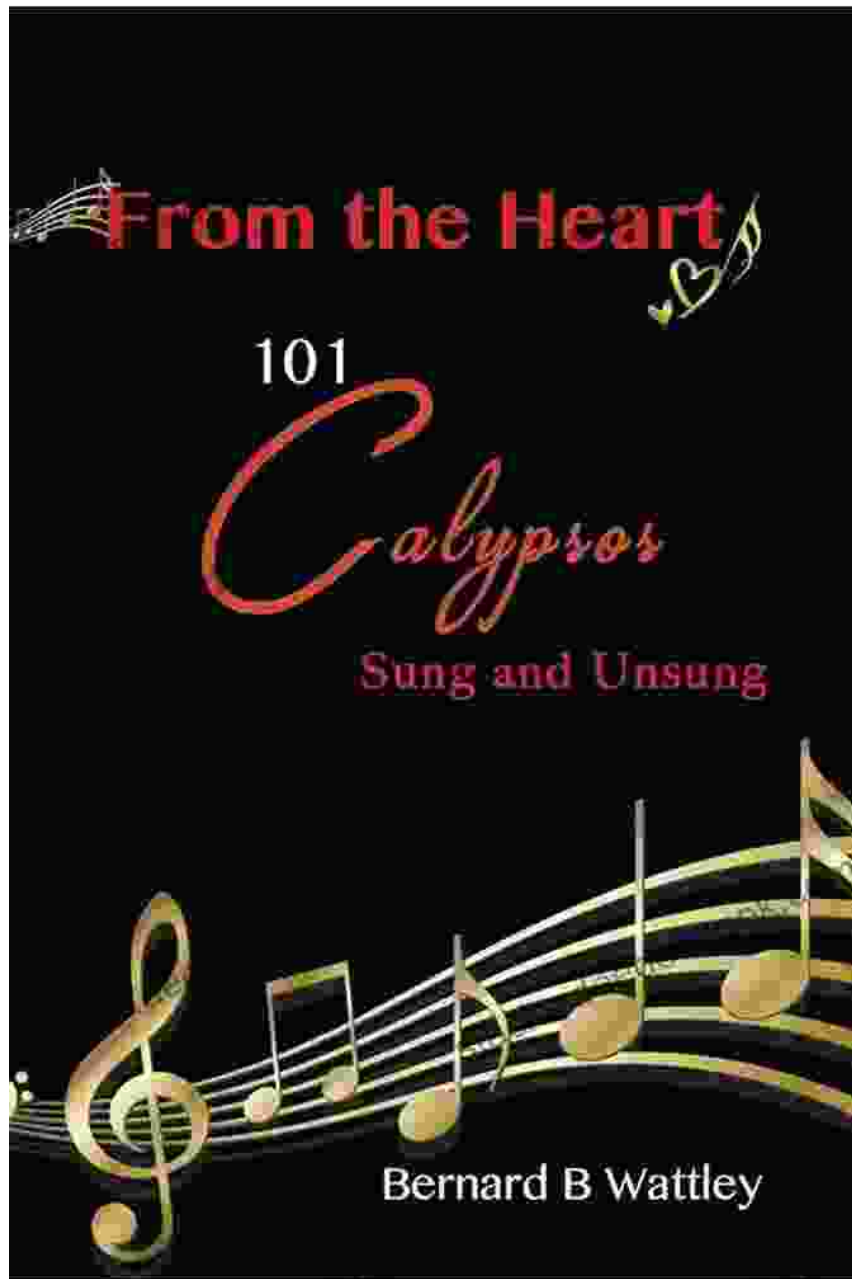
"Yellow Bird" is a calypso that was popularized by Harry Belafonte in 1957. It was written by Trinidadian songwriter Alvin Seeger, and it is one of the most famous calypsos ever recorded. The song is a beautiful and haunting melody that tells the story of a yellow bird that is lost and alone. "Yellow Bird" has been covered by many artists over the years, including Bob Marley and Neil Diamond.

4. "Hot, Hot, Hot" by Arrow



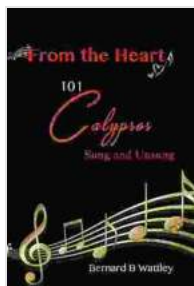
"Hot, Hot, Hot" is a calypso that was released by Arrow in 1982. It was a global hit, and it helped to popularize calypso music around the world. The song is a catchy and energetic tune that celebrates the joys of dancing and having fun. "Hot, Hot, Hot" has been covered by many artists over the years, including Wyclef Jean and Pitbull.

5. "Soca Dance" by SuperBlue



"Soca Dance" is a calypso that was released by SuperBlue in 1988. It was a major hit in Trinidad and Tobago, and it helped to popularize soca music around the world. The song is a high-energy dance track that celebrates the joys of soca dancing. "Soca Dance" has been covered by many artists over the years, including Machel Montano and Bunji Garlin.

These are just a few of the many iconic and influential calypsos that have been recorded over the years. Calypso music is a vibrant and energetic genre of music that has a rich history and culture. Calypso songs continue to inspire and entertain people around the world, and they are a testament to the power of music.



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