

Cheeseburger in Paradise (1978)

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key: **[D]** artist: Jimmy Buffett writer: Jimmy Buffet

Tempo: *Count off to set the tempo*

Intro: *All instruments play these chords*

[Bm] [A] [Bm] [G] [Bm] [A] [D-Ring]

Verse1: Tried to **[G]** amend my car-**[A]**nivorous **[D]** habits.
[G] Made it nearly **[A]** seventy **[D]** days.
Losin' **[G]** weight without **[A]** speed, eatin' **[D]** sunflower seeds,
[E] Drinkin' lots of carrot juice and **[A]** soakin' up rays.
But at **[G]** night I'd **[A]** have these **[D]** wonderful dreams,
[G] some kind of **[A]** sensuous **[Bm]** treat.
Not zuc-**[G]**chini fettu-**[D]**cini or **[G]** bulgar **[D]** wheat,
but a **[G]** big warm **[D]** bun and a **[A]** huge hunk of **[D]** meat.

Chorus: **[G]** Cheese **[A]** burger in **[D]** paradise,
[G] Heaven on **[A]** earth with an **[D]** onion slice,
[G] Not too par-**[A]**ticular, **[D]** not too precise
I'm just a **[G]** cheese **[D]** burger in **[A]** para-**[D]**dise.
(Riff following chorus) **[Bm] [A] [D-Ring]**

Verse2: **[G]** Heard about the **[A]** old-time **[D]** sailor men,
they'd eat the **[G]** same thing a-**[A]**gain and a-**[D]**gain.
[G] Warm beer and **[A]** bread they **[D]** said could raise the dead,
Well it re-**[E]**minds me of the menu at the **[A]** Holiday Inn.
But **[G]** times have **[A]** changed for **[D]** sailors these days,
when I'm in **[G]** port I **[A]** get what I **[Bm]** need,
Not just Ha-**[G]**vanas or ba-**[D]**nanas or **[G]** daiqui-**[D]**ris,
but that **[G]** American cre-**[D]**ation on **[A]** which I **[D]** feed.

Chorus: **[G]** Cheese **[A]** burger in **[D]** paradise,
[G] medium **[A]** rare with **[D]** mutard'd be nice,
[G] Heaven on **[A]** earth with an **[D]** onion slice,
I'm just a **[G]** cheese **[D]** burger in **[A]** para **[D]** dise.

Instrumental chords (leading into the acapella section)

Melody is "cheeseburger in paradise", repeated 4 times

[G] [A] [D] [G] [A] [D] [G] [A] [D] [G] [A] [D]

Acapella – Clap on 2 and double-clap on 4

I like mine with lettuce and tomato,
Heinz fifty seven and french fried potatoes.
Big kosher pickle and a cold draft beer,
Well good God almighty, which way do I steer

Chorus: For my **[G]** Cheese **[D]** burger in **[A]** para-**[D]**dise.
[G] Makin' the **[A]** best of ev'ry **[D]** virtue and vice.
[G] Worth ev'ry **[A]** damn bit of **[D]** sacrifice to get a
[G] Cheese **[D]** burger in **[A]** para **[D]**dise,
To be a **[G]** cheese **[D]** burger in **[A]** para **[D]** dise,
I'm just a **[G]** cheese **[D]** burger in **[A]** para **[D]** dise.

Outro: **[Bm] [A] [Bm] [G] [Bm] [A] [D]**