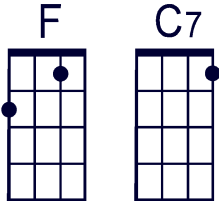


Banana Boat Song

Jamaican folk song, c. 1950, writer unknown
(as sung by Harry Belafonte)



\ backslash mean one single down-stroke

(Sing F)

Chorus: F \ --- --- --- | F \ --- --- --- | F | C7 . F . . |
Day—o, Day-ay-ay—o, day-light come an' me wanna go ho-ome
F \ --- --- --- | F \ --- --- --- | F | C7 . F . . |
Day—o, Day-ay-ay—o, day-light come an' me wanna go home

F | F | F | C7 . F . . |
Work all night on a drink a' rum, day-light come an' me wanna go ho-ome.

F | F | F | C7 . F . . |
Stack ba-na-na till de mornin' come, day-light come an' me wanna go home.

F | C7 | F | C7 . F . . |
Come, Mis-ter tally man an' tally me ba-na-na, day-light come an' me wanna go home. Me say

F | C7 | F | C7 . F . . |
Come, Mister tally man an' tally me ba-na-na, day-light come an' me wanna go home.

. | F | F | F | C7 . F . . |
Lift six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, day-light come an' me wanna go ho-ome

F | F | F | C7 . F . . |
Six han', sev-en han', eight han' bunch, day-light come an' me wan' go home

Chorus: F \ --- --- --- | F \ --- --- --- | F | C7 . F . . |
Day—o, Day-ay-ay—o, day-light come an' me wanna go ho-ome

F \ --- --- --- | F \ --- --- --- | F | C7 . F . . |
Day—o, Day-ay-ay—o, day-light come an' me wanna go home

F | F | F | C7 . F . . |
Beauti-ful bunch of ripe ba-nana, day-light come an' me wanna go ho-ome

F | F | F | C7 . F . . |
Hide the dead-ly, black ta-ranchla, day-light come an' me wanna go home

. | F | F | F | C7 . F . . |
Lift six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, day-light come an' me wanna go ho-ome

F | F | F | C7 . F . . |
Six han', sev-en han', eight han' bunch, day-light come an' me wanna go home

F . . . | C7 . . . | F . . . | C7 . F . |
Come, Mis-ter tally man an' tally me ba-na-na, day-light come an' me wanna go home. Me say

F . . . | C7 . . . | F . . . | C7 . F . |
Come, Mister tally man an' tally me ba-na-na, day-light come an' me wanna go home.

Chorus: F\ --- --- --- | F\ --- --- --- | F . . . | C7 . F . |
Day—o, Day-ay-ay—o, day-light come an' me wanna go ho-ome

F\ --- --- --- | F\ --- --- --- | F . . . | C7 . F . |
Day—o, Day-ay-ay—o, day-light come an' me wanna go home

End: (sing slowly) F . . . | C7 . F\
day-light come an' me wanna go— home——

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