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

(Sing F)

Chorus:
Day-o, Day-ay-ay-o, daylight come an' me wan' go home
Day-o, Day-ay-ay-o, daylight come an' me wan' go home

F

Work all night on a drink a' rum, daylight come an’ me wan’ go home.

F

Stack banana till de mornin’ come, daylight come an’ me wan’ go home.

F

Come, Mister tally man an' tally me banana, daylight come an' me wan' go home.

F

Me say come, Mister tally man an’ tally me banana, daylight come an’ me wan’ go home.

F

Lift six han’, seven han’, eight han’ bunch, daylight come an’ me wan’ go home

F

Six han’, seven han’, eight han’ bunch, daylight come an' me wan’ go home

Chorus

Beautiful bunch of ripe banana, daylight come an’ me wan’ go home

Hide the deadly, black taranch-la, daylight come an’ me wan’ go home

Lift six han’, seven han’, eight han’ bunch, daylight come an’ me wan’ go home

Six han’, seven han’, eight han’ bunch, daylight come an' me wan’ go home

Come, Mister tally man an' tally me banana, daylight come an’ me wan’ go home.

Me say come, Mister tally man an’ tally me banana, daylight come an’ me wan’ go home.

Chorus

End:  (sing slowly) daylight come an' me wan’ go home

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