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

(Sing F)

Chorus:    Daay -o,    Day-ay-ay-o,    day-light come an' me wan' go home
Daaay -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 wan' go home.

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

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


F . . . F . . . F . . . . C7 . F . . Hide the dead-ly, black ta-ranch-la,    day-light come an' me wan' go home

. F . . . . F . . . . F . . . . C7 . F . . Lift six han', seven han', eight han' bunch,    day-light come an' me wan' go home
F . . . . F . . . . F . . . . C7 . F . . Six han', sev-en han', eight han' bunch,    day-light come an' me wan' go home
Come, Mis-ter tally man an’ tally me ba-na-na, day-light come an’ me wan’ go home. Me say

Come, Mister tally man an’ tally me ba-na-na, day-light come an’ me wan’ go home.

Chorus: Daaay -o, Day-ay-ay-o, day-light come an’ me wan’ go home
Daaay -o, Day-ay-ay-o, day-light come an’ me wanna go home

End: (sing slowly) day-light come an’ me wan’ go home.

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