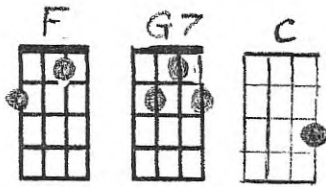


Banana Boat Song

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



Chorus: C F C G7 C
Day-o, Day-ay-ay-o, daylight come an' me wan' go home
C F C G7 C
Day-o, Day-ay-ay-o, daylight come an' me wan' go home

C G7 C
Work all night on a drink a' rum, daylight come an' me wan' go home.
C G7 C
Stack banana till de mornin' come, daylight come an' me wan' go home.

C G7 C G7 C
Come, Mister tally man an' tally me banana, daylight come an' me wan' go home.
C G7 C G7 C
Me say come, Mister tally man an' tally me banana, daylight come an' me wan' go home.

C G7 C
Lift six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, daylight come an' me wan' go home
C G7 C
Six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, daylight come an' me wan' go home

Chorus

C G7 C
Beautiful bunch of ripe banana, daylight come an' me wan' go home
C G7 C
Hide the deadly, black taranch-la, daylight come an' me wan' go home
C G7 C
Lift six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, daylight come an' me wan' go home
C G7 C
Six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, daylight come an' me wan' go home

Chorus

C G7 C G7 C
Come, Mister tally man an' tally me banana, daylight come an' me wan' go home.
C G7 C G7 C
Me say come, Mister tally man an' tally me banana, daylight come an' me wan' go home

Chorus and End (sing last line slowly)