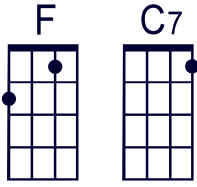


Banana Boat Song

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



(Sing F)

Chorus: F C7 F
Day-o, Day-ay-ay-o, daylight come an' me wan' go home
F F C7 F
Day-o, Day-ay-ay-o, daylight come an' me wan' go home

F C7 F
Work all night on a drink a' rum, daylight come an' me wan' go home.
F C7 F
Stack banana till de mornin' come, daylight come an' me wan' go home.

F C7 F C7 F
Come, Mister tally man an' tally me banana, daylight come an' me wan' go home.
F C7 F C7 F
Me say come, Mister tally man an' tally me banana, daylight come an' me wan' go home.

F C7 F
Lift six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, daylight come an' me wan' go home
F C7 F
Six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, daylight come an' me wan' go home

Chorus

F C7 F
Beautiful bunch of ripe banana, daylight come an' me wan' go home
F C7 F
Hide the deadly, black taranch-la, daylight come an' me wan' go home
F C7 F
Lift six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, daylight come an' me wan' go home
F C7 F
Six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, daylight come an' me wan' go home

Chorus

F C7 F C7 F
Come, Mister tally man an' tally me banana, daylight come an' me wan' go home.
F C7 F C7 F
Me say come, Mister tally man an' tally me banana, daylight come an' me wan' go home.

Chorus and End (sing last line slowly)