

Banana Boat Song (Day-O)

By Irving Burgie & William Attaway,
Harry Belafonte version is in Key of D (D & A7 chords)



[C] Day-o, Day-ay-ay-o,
[C] Day light come and me [G7] wanna go [C] home
[C] Day, me say day, me say day, me say day, me say day, me say day-ay-ay-o,
[C] Daylight come [G7] and me wanna [C] go home

1. [C] Work all night on a drink of rum
[C] Daylight come and me [G7] wanna go [C] home
[C] Stack bananas till the morning come
[C] Day light come and me [G7] wanna go [C] home

[C] Come Mister Tally Man [G7] tally me banana
[C] Daylight come and me [G7] wanna go [C] home
[C] Come Mister Tally Man [G7] tally me banana
[C] Daylight come and me [G7] wanna go [C] home

[C] Lift 6 foot, 7 foot, 8 foot bunch,
[C] Daylight come and me [G7] wanna go [C] home
[C] 6 foot, 7 foot, 8 foot bunch,
[C] Daylight come and me [G7] wanna go [C] home

[C] Day, me say day-ay-ay-o,
[C] Daylight come and me [G7] wanna go [C] home.
[C] Day, me say day, me say day, me say
[C] Daylight come and me [G7] wanna go [C] home.

2. [C] A beautiful bunch of ripe banana

[C] Daylight come and me [G7] wanna go [C] home

[C] Hide the deadly black tarant'chla

[C] Daylight come and me [G7] wanna go [C] home

[C] Lift 6 foot, 7 foot, 8 foot bunch,

[C] Daylight come and me [G7] wanna go [C] home

[C] 6 foot, 7 foot, 8 foot bunch,

[C] Daylight come and me [G7] wanna go [C] home

[C] Day, me say day-ay-ay-o,

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