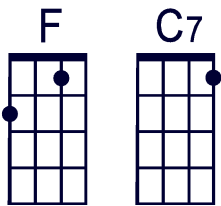


Banana Boat Song

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



\ backslash mean one single down-stroke

Chorus:

F \ --- --- | F \ --- --- | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Day—o Day-ay-ay—o Daylight come an' me wanna go ho-ome

F \ --- --- | F \ --- --- | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Day—o Day-ay-ay—o Daylight come an' me wanna go home

F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Work all— night on a drink a— rum . Daylight come an' me wanna go ho-ome

. . . | C7 . F . |
 Stack ba— nana till de mornin' come . Daylight come an' me wanna go home

F . . . | C7 . F . | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Come, Mister tally man an' tally me ba-na-na, Daylight come an' me wanna go ho-ome. Me say

. . . | C7 . F . | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Come, Mister tally man an' tally me ba-na-na, Daylight come an' me wanna go ho-ome

. | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Lift six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, . Daylight come an' me wanna go ho-ome

. | C7 . F . |
 Six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, . Daylight come an' me wanna go home

Chorus:

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 Day—o Day-ay-ay—o Daylight come an' me wanna go ho-ome

F \ --- --- | F \ --- --- | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Day—o Day-ay-ay—o Daylight come an' me wanna go home

F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Beauti-ful bunch of ripe ba-nana, . Daylight come an' me wanna go ho-ome

. | C7 . F . |
 Hide the dead-ly, black ta— ranchla, . Daylight come an' me wanna go home

. | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Lift six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, . Daylight come an' me wanna go ho-ome

. | C7 . F . |
 Six han', seven han', eight han' bunch, . Daylight come an' me wanna go home

F . . . | C7 . F . | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Come, Mister tally man an' tally me ba-na-na, Daylight come an' me wanna go ho-ome. Me say

. | C7 . F . | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Come, Mister tally man an' tally me ba-na-na, Daylight come an' me wanna go ho-ome

Chorus:

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 Day—o Day-ay-ay—o Daylight come an' me wanna go ho-ome

F \ --- --- | F \ --- --- | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Day—o Day-ay-ay—o Daylight come an' me wanna go home

(sing slowly) F . . . | C7 . F \
 Daylight— come an' me wanna go— home—