

BANANA BOAT SONG

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Traditional Jamaican Mento folk song

Day-o, Day-ay-ay-o
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Day, me say day, me say day, me say day, me say day,
me say day-ay-ay-o
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Work all night on a drink a' rum
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Stack banana till the mornin' come
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Come, Mister tally man, tally me banana
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Come, Mister tally man, tally me banana
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch!
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch!
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Day, me say day-ay-ay-o
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Day, me say day-ay-ay-o
Daylight come and me wan' go home

A beautiful bunch a' ripe banana
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Hide the deadly black tarantula
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch!

Daylight come and me wan' go home
Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch!
Daylight come and me wan' go home

Come, Mister tally man, tally me banana
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Come, Mister tally man, tally me banana
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Day, me say day-ay-ay-o
Daylight come and me wan' go home
Day, me say day-ay-ay-o
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Day, me say day, me say day, me say day, me say day,
me say day-ay-ay-o
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