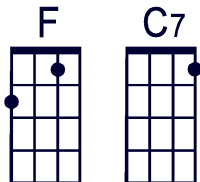


Banana Boat Song

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, day-light come an' me wanna go ho-ome
 F \ --- --- | F \ --- --- | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Day—o, Day-ay-ay—o, day-light come an' me wanna go home

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

F . . . | F . . . | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Stack ba-na-na till de mornin' come, day-light come an' me wanna go home.

F . . . | C7 . . . | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Come, Mis-ter tally man an' tally me ba-na-na, day-light come an' me wanna go home. Me say

F . . . | C7 . . . | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Come, Mister tally man an' tally me ba-na-na, day-light come an' me wanna go home.

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

F . . . | F . . . | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Six han', sev-en han', eight han' bunch, day-light come an' me wan' go home

Chorus: F \ --- --- | F \ --- --- | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Day—o, Day-ay-ay—o, day-light come an' me wanna go ho-ome
 F \ --- --- | F \ --- --- | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Day—o, Day-ay-ay—o, day-light come an' me wanna go home

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

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

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

F . . . | F . . . | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Six han', sev-en han', eight han' bunch, day-light come an' me wanna go home

F . . . | C7 . . . | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Come, Mis-ter tally man an' tally me ba-na-na, day-light come an' me wanna go home. Me say

F . . . | C7 . . . | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Come, Mister tally man an' tally me ba-na-na, day-light come an' me wanna go home.

Chorus: F \ --- --- | F \ --- --- | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Day—o, Day-ay-ay—o, day-light come an' me wanna go ho-ome
 F \ --- --- | F \ --- --- | F . . . | C7 . F . |
 Day—o, Day-ay-ay—o, day-light come an' me wanna go home

End: (sing slowly) F . . . | C7 . F |
 day-light come an' me wanna go—home—