Day O (The Banana Boat Song)
As recorded by Harry Belafonte

[Vocal:] 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....

E
Work all night on a drink of rum
  E   B7   E
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
E
Stack banana ‘til de mornin’ come
  E   B7   E
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
E
Come, Mister Tally Man, tally me banana
  E   B7   E
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
E
Come, Mister Tally Man, tally me banana
  E   B7   E
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
E
[ALL:] Lift six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch
  E   B7   E
Daylight come, and me wan’ go home
E
Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch
  E   B7   E
Daylight come, and me wan’ go home
E
  B7   E
Day! Me say day-ay-ay-o...
  E   B7   E
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
E
Day! Me say day, me say day, me say day, me say day, me say
  E   B7   E
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...
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E
A beautiful bunch of ripe banana
E                     B7      E
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
E
Hides the deadly, black tarantula
E                     B7      E
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)

E
[ALL:]  Lift six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch
E                     B7      E
Daylight come, and me wan’ go home
E
Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch
E                     B7      E
Daylight come, and me wan’ go home

E                     B7      E
Day! Me say day-ay-ay-o...
E                     B7      E
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
E                     B7      E
Day! Me say day, me say day, me say day, me say day, me say
E                     B7      E
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)

E                     B7      E
Come, Mister Tally Man, tally me banana
E                     B7      E
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
E                     B7      E
Come, Mister Tally Man, tally me banana
E                     B7      E
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)

[Vocal solo only:]  
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...

E                     B7      E
[SLOW:]  (Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...