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....

F Work all night on a drink of rum
F                     C7      F
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
F Stack banana ‘til de mornin’ come
F                     C7      F
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)

F                     C7
Come, Mister Tally Man, tally me banana
F                     C7      F
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
F                     C7
Come, Mister Tally Man, tally me banana
F                     C7      F
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)

F [ALL:] Lift six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch
F                     C7      F
Daylight come, and me wan’ go home
F
Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch
F                     C7      F
Daylight come, and me wan’ go home

F                     C7
Day! Me say day-ay-ay-o...
F                     C7      F
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
F                     C7
Day! Me say day, me say day, me say day, me say day, me say
F                     C7      F
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
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F
A beautiful bunch of ripe banana
F                        C7      F
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
F
Hides the deadly, black tarantula
F                        C7      F
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)

F
[ALL:] Lift six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch
F                        C7      F
Daylight come, and me wan’ go home
F
Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch
F                        C7      F
Daylight come, and me wan’ go home

F                        C7      F
Day! Me say day-ay-ay-o...
F                        C7      F
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
F                        C7      F
Day! Me say day, me say day, me say day, me say day, me say
F                        C7      F
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)

F                        C7
Come, Mister Tally Man, tally me banana
F                        C7      F
(Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
F                        C7
Come, Mister Tally Man, tally me banana
F                        C7      F
(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...

F                        C7      F
[SLOW:] (Daylight come, and me wan’ go home...)
