Banana Boat Song
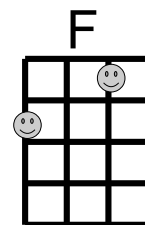
Jamaican folk song, c. 1950, writer unknown
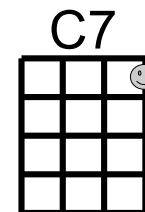Sung by Harry Belafonte

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C7

Intro: F   C7   F   **Strum: Calyspo D DU UDU**
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          F   F   F   C7(2)   F(2)
CHORUS: Daaay-o, Daaay-o, daylight come an' me wan' go home.
          F   F   F   C7(2)   F(2)
Daaay-o, Daaay-o, daylight come an' me wan' go home.

  F   F   F   C7(2)   F(2)
Work all night on a drink o' rum. Daylight come, and I wan' go home.
 F   F   F   C7(2)   F(2)
Stack banana 'til the mornin' come. Daylight come, and me wan' go home.

  F   C7   F   C7(2)   F(2)
Come, Mister tally man, tally me banana. Daylight come, and me wan' go home.
  F   C7   F   C7(2)   F(2)
Come, Mister tally man, tally me banana. Daylight come, and me wan' go home.

   F   F   F   C7(2)   F(2)
Lift six-foot, seven-foot, eight-foot bunch. Daylight come, and me wan' go home.
   F   F   F   C7(2)   F(2)
Six-foot, seven-foot, eight-foot bunch. Daylight come, and me wan' go home.

CHORUS:

  F   F   F   C7(2)   F(2)
A beautiful bunch of ripe banana. Daylight come, and me wan' go home.
 F   F   F   C7(2)   F(2)
Hide the deadly black tarantula. Daylight come, and me wan' go home.

   F   F   F   C7(2)   F(2)
Lift six-foot, seven-foot, eight-foot bunch. Daylight come, and me wan' go home.
 F   F   F   C7(2)   F(2)
Six-foot, seven-foot, eight-foot bunch. Daylight come, and me wan' go home.

  F   C7   F   C7(2)   F(2)
Come, Mister tally man, tally me banana. Daylight come, and me wan' go home.
  F   C7   F   C7(2)   F(2)
Come, Mister tally man, tally me banana. Daylight come, and me wan' go home.

CHORUS:
                 F   C7(2)   F…
END by adding (slowly): Daylight come, and me wan' go home.