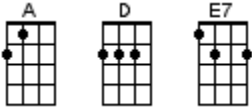


# Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)

Traditional Jamaican (popularized by Harry Belafonte in 1956)



**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 / < RUBATO – which means disregard a strict tempo >**

[A]↓ Daaay-oh! Da-[E7]↓ay-ay-ay-[A]↓oh!  
[A]↓ Daylight come and me [E7]↓ wan' go [A]↓ ho-ome  
[A]↓ Day, me say [E7]↓ day, me say [D]↓ day, me say [A]↓ day  
me say [D]↓ day, me say [A]↓ day-ay-ay-[E7]↓oh!  
[A]↓ Daylight come and me [E7]↓ wan' go [A]↓ home 2 3 4 / 1 2 3 4 /

**< A TEMPO >**

[A] Work all night on a drink of rum  
[A] Daylight come and me [E7] wan' go [A] home  
[A] Stack banana 'til de mornin' come  
[A] Daylight come and me [E7] wan' go [A] home

[A] Come Mister Tallyman [E7] tally me banana  
[A] Daylight come and me [E7] wan' go [A] home  
[A] Come Mister Tallyman [E7] tally me banana  
[A] Daylight come and me [E7] wan' go [A] home

Lift [A] six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch  
[A] Daylight come and me [E7] wan' go [A] home  
[A] Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch  
[A] Daylight come and me [E7] wan' go [A] home

[A] Day, me say [E7] day-ay-ay-[A]oh!  
[A] Daylight come and me [E7] wan' go [A] home  
[A] Day, me say [E7] day, me say [D] day, me say [A] day  
[A] **Daylight come and me**  
[E7] **wan' go [A] home**

[A] A beautiful bunch o' ripe banana  
[A] Daylight come and me [E7] wan' go [A] home  
[A] Hide de deadly black tarantula  
[A] Daylight come and me [E7] wan' go [A] home

Lift [A] six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch  
[A] Daylight come and me [E7] wan' go [A] home  
[A] Six foot, seven foot, eight foot bunch  
[A] Daylight come and me [E7] wan' go [A] home

[A] Day, me say [E7] day-ay-ay-[A]oh!

[A] Daylight come and me [E7] wan' go [A] home

[A] Day, me say [E7] day, me say [D] day, me say [A] day

[A] **Daylight come and me**

[E7] **wan' go [A] home**

[A] Come Mister Tallyman [E7] tally me banana

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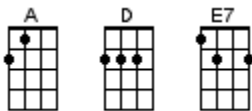
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me say [D]↓ day, me say [A]↓ day-ay-ay-[E7]↓oh!

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