# Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)

Traditional Jamaican (popularized by Harry Belafonte in 1956)

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**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

**[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

**< RUBATO >**

**[A]↓** Daaay-oh! Da-**[E7]↓**ay-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

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

**[A]↓** Daylight come and me **[E7]↓** wan’ go **[A]↓** home

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