

# Day O (Banana Boat Song)

Trad. Jamaican, perf 1956 by Harry Belafonte

**CHORUS:** C G7 C  
Day O, Day O . . . (*Daylight come and me wan go home.*)  
C  
Day, me say day, me say day, me say day, me say day,  
C G7 C  
me say day . . . O . . . (*Daylight come and me wan go home.*)

C G7 C  
Work all night 'til the mornin' come. (*Daylight come and me wan go home.*)  
C G7 C  
Stack banana 'til the mornin' come. (*Daylight come and me wan go home.*)  
C G7 C G7 C  
Come Mr. Tallyman, tally me banana (*Daylight come and me wan go home.*)  
C G7 C G7 C  
Come Mr. Tallyman, tally me banana (*Daylight come and me wan go home.*)

C G7 C  
Lift six hand, 7 hand, 8 hand bunch (*Daylight come and me wan go home.*)  
C G7 C  
Six hand, 7 hand, 8 hand bunch (*Daylight come and me wan go home.*)

## **CHORUS**

C G7 C  
A beautiful bunch a ripe banana (*Daylight come and me wan go home.*)  
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A beautiful bunch a ripe banana (*Daylight come and me wan go home.*)  
C G7 C  
Lift 6 hand, 7 hand, 8 hand bunch (*Daylight come and me wan go home.*)  
C G7 C  
Six hand, 7 hand, 8 hand bunch (*Daylight come and me wan go home.*)

## **CHORUS**

C G7 C G7 C  
Come Mr. Tallyman, tally me banana (*Daylight come and me wan go home.*)  
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## **CHORUS**

### **CHORDS USED IN THIS SONG:**

