

THE BANANA BOAT SONG

Choral Arrangement
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For Women's Chorus (SA) and Piano

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Medium Calypso beat

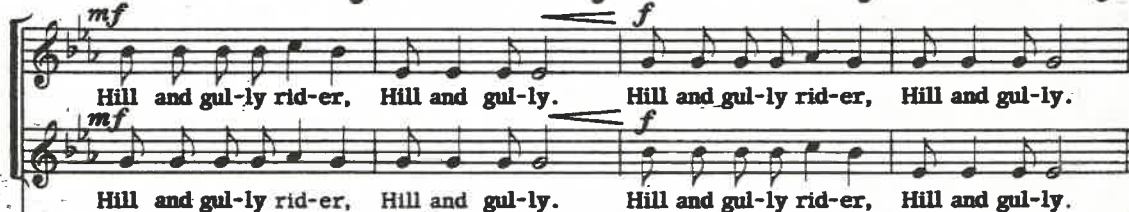


INTRO

Soprano

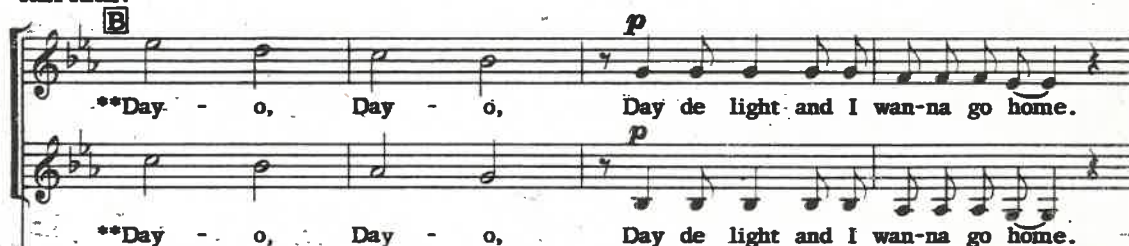
A

poco a poco cresc.



REFRAIN

B



*Hill and gully rider: a phrase from Moby Dick referring to a sailor who rides the top (hill) and the trough (gully) of a wave.

**Day-o: An exclamation of banana boat workers in the Carribean welcoming the coming of day.

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f Day - o, Day - o, *p* Day de light and I wan-na go home.

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f *p*

VERSE
mf

1. Well, I'm load-in' de ba - na-na boats all night long, Day de light and I
 2. Well, I sleep by sun and I work by moon, Day de light and I
 3. Well, I pack all my things and I'll go to sea, Day de light and I

mp *p*

1. (Hum) _____ Day de light and I
 2. Oo _____ Day de light and I
 3. Ah _____ Day de light and I

mf *p*

mf

wan-na go home. 1. Hey! All of the work - men sing this song.
 wan-na go home. 2. When I get some mon - ey gon-na quit so soon.
 wan-na go home. 3. Den de ba - na-nas see the last of me...

mp

wan-na go home. 1. (Hum) _____
 wan-na go home. 2. Oo _____
 wan-na go home. 3. Ah _____

mf

4

REFRAIN

p Day de light and I wan-na go home. *f* Day - o, Day - o,

p Day de light and I wan-na go home. *f* Day - o, Day - o,

p *f*

p Day de light and I wan-na go home. *f* Day - o, Day - o,

p Day de light and I wan-na go home. *f* Day - o, Day - o,

p *f*

1, 2. Back to Verse **3.**

p Day de light and I wan-na go home. Well, I wan-na go home. Hill and gul-ly rid-er, *f*

p Day de light and I wan-na go home. Well, I wan-na go home. Hill and gul-ly rid-er, *f*

p *f*

mf *mp*

Hill and gul-ly. Hill and gul-ly rid-er, Hill and gul-ly.

mf *mp*

Hill and gul-ly. Hill and gul-ly rid-er, Hill and gul-ly. Hill and gul-ly rid-er,

F *sf*

That's the Ba -

p *sf*

Hill and gul-ly. Hill and gul-ly rid-er, Hill and gul-ly. That's the Ba -

na-na Boat Song.

na-na Boat Song.

r.h.
l.h.