

Banaha

Congolese folk song
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Pronunciation Guide

Written Phonetic

Si	see
Do	doe
la	lah
da	dah
Ya	yah
ku	koo
ne	neh
du	doo
ba	bah
na	nah
ha	hah

Transliteration:

At the foot of the pineapple tree,
Yaku ladles a banana into his aunt's red hat.

Program note:

The song *Banaha* has a mysterious background — there is more unknown about the song than there is known. The song is from the Congo and has been used for many types of occasions, including a wedding processional. The language is unknown (Congolese refers to the nationality, not a language) — there are 61 living languages present in the Congo.