

BANANA PLANTATION by PL Boyle and JG Lane

Key of G (verse) and Key of D (chorus), Standard Guitar Tuning [E A D G B E]

TS> = Key change. Transition from talking to singing, as needed, into the new key.

INTRO: D Em A D [strumming chords and/or picking melody]

TS> This is a song about a friend of mine. He seemed happy all the time.

It's about my buddy, his name is Joe. He left us quite a while ago.

Six-foot-two, sandy hair, and a smile stretching from here to there.

Each-day with Joe was-such-a-great-time.

Before he left, Joe let us know, about-a-place he'd like to go.

He told-us in-a-song. Just-the-chorus, then-was-gone.

I've-finished-his-song so you can know, my friend from long ago.

And now let's sing this song of Joe's and mine.

TS> D . . . [SPOKEN] Joe's chorus. . .

[CHORUS 1]

I'm in love, I'm in love with a girl down there

and this is what I want to say.

Now that I've found my banana plantation,

I'll be there for the rest of my days.

TS> I-wrote the-rest-of-this-song. Joe couldn't help. He was long-ago gone.

I said, Hey Joe . . . Life here is grand. No need for bananas on your land.

Bank your money. Save for college. Success will-come-calling.

Bananas are nice, but life doesn't give twice.

G C G D
 You're a happy-go-lucky kind of guy. THAT nobody can-deny.
 G C G D
 The ladies-here-want-you-to-stay. The-girl-you-love-is-just-a-day-away.
 G C D G
 Friends-and-family-won't-join-you-on-the-plantation for many years.
 C D G C D G G. . .
 LIFE here is great. Don't go away.

G C G D
 And Joe, don't despair, but-your-61-Chevy-might-not-get-you-there.
 G C G D
 Stay here, you have friends galore. Get your bananas at the grocery store.
 G C D G
 Don't throw-it-all-away for-a-chance-of-a-dream and a short romance.
 C D G C D G G. . .
 LIFE here is great. Don't go away.

TS> D . . . [SPOKEN] Joe left, in his chevy. I imagine him singing. . . [**CHORUS 1**]

G C G D
TS> Joe left us without leaving a note. 'cept for that dang chorus he wrote.
 G C G D
 Why he left we don't really know. Not-sure-he-knew where-to-go.
 G C D G
 No-matter his final-destination, we'll think-of-Joe on-a banana plantation.
 C D G C D G G. . .
 But we wish he was here with us today.

TS> D . . . [with subdued strumming]
 [**CHORUS 2**]

D Em A D
Joe's in love, he's in love with a girl down there and this is what he wanted to say..
 D Em A D A D
Now that he's found his banana plantation, He'll be there for the rest of his days.

[**OUTRO**] [with subdued strumming]

D Em A D
 This ends-this-song about-my-friend-named-Joe, who left us quite a while ago.
 D Em A D
 Six-foot-two, sandy hair, and a smile stretching from here to there.
 G A G A
 Hey Joe, if you hear-this-song, I-hope you-sing-along.
 G A D D. . .
 LIFE here is great, I wish you had stayed.

D Em A F-C-G G-D [strumming chords and/or picking melody]