

# Yes, We Have No Bananas

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There's a fruit store on our street  
It's run by a Greek.  
And he keeps good things to eat  
But you should hear him speak!  
When you ask him anything, he never answers "no".  
He just "yes"es you to death, and as he takes your dough  
He tells you  
"Yes, we have no bananas  
We have-a no bananas today.  
We've string beans, and onions  
Cabbageses, and scallions,  
And all sorts of fruit and say  
We have an old fashioned to-mah-to  
A Long Island po-tah-to  
But yes, we have no bananas.  
We have no bananas today."

Business got so good for him that he wrote home today,  
"Send me Pete and Nick and Jim; I need help right away."  
When he got them in the store, there was fun, you bet.  
Someone asked for "sparrow grass" and then the whole quartet  
All answered  
"Yes, we have no bananas  
We have-a no bananas today.  
Just try those coconuts  
Those walnuts and doughnuts  
There ain't many nuts like they.  
We'll sell you two kinds of red herring,  
Dark brown, and ball-bearing.  
But yes, we have no bananas  
We have no bananas today."

Yes, we are very sorry to inform you  
That we are entirely out of the fruit in question  
The afore-mentioned vegetable  
Bearing the cognomen "Banana".  
We might induce you to accept a substitute less desirable,  
But that is not the policy at this internationally famous green  
grocery.  
I should say not. No no no no no no no.  
But may we suggest that you sample our five o'clock tea  
Which we feel certain will tempt your pallet?  
However we regret that after a diligent search  
Of the premises  
By our entire staff  
We can positively affirm without fear of contradiction  
That our raspberries are delicious; really delicious  
Very delicious  
But we have no bananas today.

Yes, we gotta no banana  
No banana  
We gotta no banana today.  
I sella you no banana.  
Hey, Marianna, you gotta no banana?  
Why this man, he no believe-a what I say.  
Now whatta you want mister?

You wanna buy twelve for a quarter?  
No? well, just a oneofadozen?  
I'm-a gonna calla my daughter.  
Hey, Marianna  
You gotta piana  
Yes, banana, no  
No, yes, no bananas today  
We gotta no bananas.  
Yes, we gotta no bananas today.