

# Banaha

Congolese folk song  
(public domain)

Si - si, Si - si, do - la - da, Ya - ku si - ne - la - du — ba - na ha.

5 *Fine*

Si - si, Si - si, do - la - da, Ya - ku si - ne - la - du — ba - na ha. Ba - na -

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ha, Ba - na - ha, Ya - ku si - ne la - du - ba - na ha. Ba - na -

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ha, Ba - na - ha, Ya - ku si - ne la - du - ba - na ha.

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Ha, Ba - na - ha, Ya - ku si - ne la - du — ba - na - ha

21 *D.C. al Fine*

Ha, Ba - na - ha, Ya - ku si - ne la - du — ba - na - ha

## 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.