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"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
Cabashes, and scallions,
And all sorts of fruit and say
We have an old fashioned tomato
A Long Island potato 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 wall-nuts 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"

He, he, he, he, ha, ha, ha whatta you laugh at?
You gotta soup or pie?
Yes, I don't think we got soup or pie
You gotta coconut pie?
Yes, I don't think we got coconut pie
Well I'll have one cup a coffee
We gotta no coffee
Then watta you got?
I got a banana!

Oh you've got a banana!

Yes, we gotta no banana, No banana, No banana, I tell
you we gotta no banana today
I sella you no banana
Hey, Mary Anna, you gotta... gotta no banana?
Why this man, he's no believe-a what I say... no... he
no believe me...
Now whatta you wanta mister? You wanna buy twelve
for a quarter?
Well, just a one of a look, I'm gonna call for my
daughter
Hey, Mary Anna You gotta piana
Yes, a banana, no
Yes, we gotta no bananas today!

The new English "clark" (a.k.a. "clerk"):
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.

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