

Yellow Caribbean Joy

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Yellow Caribbean joy
full of energy from
a tropical sun

*Fat fields gorged with
pregnant bundles
while the harvesters sing
Strong machetes
celebrating crops
fit for a king.*

Chatsworth's Chinese
mural a treasure loaded
with potassium
Empire's worldwide
spreading of the fruit
of the wise Champion

African and Caribbean
seeds of "Musa Cavandishii"
Yellow Arabic fingers in
every European pie

Slippery green leaves
laced with gold
Global cultural economies,
fuelled by the Banana rail road

Irish don't pass the test
Italians, create unrest
West Indian's better
than all the rest
suffering at who's behest?

*Brown blistered hands
rubbing against battered
wooden handled axes*

*Aching bones
attached to muscles
paying heavy taxes*

Aristocratic fruit of choice
Delicious meat
Black speckled treat
ready to eat

Clashing calypso,
cutlasses digging
a monopoly
Exclusive providers
for the monarchy

Banana guns and
Banana chattel
Banana wars and
Banana battles
Banana boats
Banana seas
Banana citizens...
with less liberties

Symbolic, Phallic
popular and fun
Playful, connotations
appealing to
almost everyone

Dazzling beauty
Queens charming the
smooth fruit away

Sombrero manipulation
having it their own way

Chatsworth's
children playing
with people's destinies

Anglo America
Squabbles'
excluding
the main parties

*Sweat and toil
farm and sow
They will continue
to plant and
continue to grow*

That's what they do
That what they know

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Swollen treat
Pleasure to eat
Byzantine ascent
To Latin rain
forest heat

What have you done?
What a journey
you've been on?