

Load 'em and Stack 'em

**Load 'em and stack 'em - you can't do it
later.**

**Load 'em and stack 'em on a Japanese
freighter.**

**Load 'em and stack 'em -
the holds are gettin' higher.**

**Load 'em and stack 'em till the sun goes
down.**

1. You work all day (Load dem beans!)
To earn your pay, (Load dem beans!)
But another pallet's comin'

(Load dem beans!)

Down into the hold so you gotta work on...

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2. Your hands are sore, (Load dem beans!)
Your back even more, (Load dem beans!)
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3. Break away! break away!

(Load dem beans!)

Clear the way! clear the way!

(Load dem beans!)

From dawn to dusk (Load dem beans!)

Seven days a week, so you gotta work on...

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4. She's a-filled to the top.

(Load dem beans!)

It's time to stop. (Load dem beans!)

The last pilot's gone, (Load dem beans!)

Get out o' the hold, there's another freighter
comin'...

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Notes:

Song written by Jerry Casault

Alternative Titles: Japanese Freighter, Load em
and Stack em,

This version: **Henry's Orchard** CD *Scrimshaw*,
Several versions on [YouTube](#)

[GoodOldBoat](#) magazine wrote in 2003;
"Load 'em and Stack 'em," is the story of singer
Jerry Casault's summer loading Japanese
freighters with 100-pound bags of Michigan navy
beans. The liner notes describe the backbreaking
and dangerous work and the ultimate payoff for a
very fit songwriter who used the money saved to
backpack through Europe.

U.S. food is loaded
onto freighters at
Lake Charles,
Louisiana to be
shipped overseas on
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