

# Guyanese Proverbs & Sayings

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All skin teeth nah laugh.	
Belly full, but eye (rass) nah full.	
Big ah fit, lil nah fit.	
Blood thicka' dan wata.	
Churile das live in putna pot.	
Cockroach get no business ah fowl dance.	
Common-sense barn before book-sense.	
Crapau' have no business ah salt water.	
De longer yu live, the more you das see.	
De more yu watch, de less you see.	
Dead man can't run from coffin.	
Do fu do, nah obeah.	
Don't hang all yu clothe pun one nail.	
Don't wait until you wan' fu gu dutty to build latrine.	
Drunk or soba, mind yu own business.	
Easy snake ah bite hot.	
Empty barrel das mek 'nough noise.	
Empty rice bag na stand up by 'eself.	
Eve'y busket mus' stand on eh own bottom.	
Every day bucket ah go well, one day eh bottom go fall out.	
Every day na Christmas.	
Every dog has it's day	
Feed am wit' long spoon.	
Foce ripe mango' neva taste good.	
Fu deh like battie and po'	
Giv' and tek nah robbery.	
Grass don't grow pun busy road.	
Grass na grow pun battle.	
Hag pickne ask eh mumma, wah 'he mouth so long. Reply: tek tim' pickne, tek tim'	
Han' wash han', mek han' come clean'	
He smell de rat.	
Head na mek fu hol' hat alone.	
Hurry hurry nevah done.	
If you plant plantain, you can't expec' to reap cassava	
If yu go crab dance, yu gu get mud on yu skin.	
If yu na able to feel fo fish, yu can hol' de quake.	
Lang time done, short time lef'	

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	Las pickene das kill mama.	
	Lil juta, big juta same price.	
	Me give yu long rope.	
	Moon ah run til day cetch am.	
	Mouth na get cova	
	Mouth nah cut trousis fou fit backside.	
	Ole stick na tek long fu light.	
	Once a man, twice a chil'	
	One belly full na fatten hag.	
	One eye man ah king ah blin' man country.	
	One han' na clap.	
	One, one dutty ah build dam	
	Plain speaka, with bad mannas (manners)	
	Play wid dog and get bitten by fleas.	
	Pour wata on duck back.	
	Put salt on crapau back.	
	Scratch me back and me gu scratch yours.	
	Snake in de grass	
	Stav' horse while grass ah grow.	
	The higher monkey climb, de more ah eh backside does show.	
	The same dog wah bring a bone das carry one.	
	To be a two-sided cutlass	
	To las' 'guana and cutlass	
	Too big for yu pants.	
	Trouble de bush, nah bring am a house.	
	Two thief mek God laugh.	
	Wa nah kill das fatten.	
	Wa nah meet yu, na pass yu.	
	Wa rain nah full, dew can' full.	
	Wa sweet ah goat mouth, ah sour ah eh backside.	
	Watch pot ah neva boil.	
	When lil man put on big man pants eh gu gotta tak wah eh get.	
	When yu na get mama yu das got to suck grannie.	
	Yu beatin' around the bush.	
	Yu bread well butta.	
	Yu can hide and buy lan', but can' hide and buil' house.	
	Yu can tek a man from a gutta , but nat the gutta from the man.	
	Yu can' eat gold and dutty money.	
	Yu can' put rat fu watch cheese.	
	Yu don' care if Sunday fall on Monday.	


