

# Civilization (bongo Bongo Bongo)

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Each morning a missionary advertise with neon sign  
He tells the native population that civilization is fine  
And three educated savages holler from a bongo tree  
That civilization is a thing for me to see

So bongo, bongo, bongo I don't want to leave the Congo  
Oh no no no no no  
Bingle, bangle, bungle I'm so happy in the jungle I refuse to go  
Don't want no bright lights, false teeth, doorbells, landlords  
I make it clear  
That no matter how they coax him  
Yeeeah, I'll stay right here

I looked through a magazine the missionary's wife concealed  
Magazine? What happens?  
I see how people who are civilized bang you with automobiles  
You know you can get hurt that way Daniel  
At the movies they have got to pay many coconuts to see  
What do they see Danny?)  
Uncivilized pictures that the newsreel takes of me

So bongo, bongo, bongo, he don't want to leave the Congo  
Oh no no no no no  
Bingle, bangle, bungle he's so happy in the jungle he refuse to go  
Don't want no penthouse, bathtub, streetcars, taxis  
Noise in my ear  
So no matter how they coax him  
Yeeeah, I'll stay right here

They hurry like savages to get aboard an iron train  
And though it's smoky and it's crowded  
They're too civilized to complain  
When they've got two weeks vacation  
They hurry to vacation ground  
What do they do Danny?  
They swim and they fish,  
But that's what I do all year round

So bongo, bongo, bongo I don't want to leave the congo  
Oh no no no no no  
Bingle, bangle, bungle I'm so happy in the jungle I refuse to go  
Don't want no jailhouse,  
Shotguns,  
Fish hooks,  
Golf clubs,  
I got my spears  
So no matter how they coax him  
Yeeeah, I'll stay right here

They have things like the atom bomb  
So I think I'll stay where I a-a-m  
Civilization, I'll stay right here