

# Ancestors

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'Cause what's a man but a naked ape?  
But with fantasies of making a great escape  
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It's amazing, spectating it taking shape  
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Yeah, Darwinian, carving our lineage  
Into the Stone Age with shards of hard DNA  
In the beginning, we didn't need an Adam or Eve  
Our ancestors inhabited trees  
And handed down every habit that would have us succeed  
At an increasingly gathering speed  
Rapidly reproducing, how deep are the roots of your family tree?  
How many branches on it? How many leaves?  
And what's the plan when we leave for the savannas and plains?  
As we abandon the rainforest, expand our terrain  
Typical humans, look, they're at it again  
Never happy with the same thing, they have to seek change  
And that's the reason why they keep succeeding at everything  
That life throws at them, treating every challenge as a game  
If you fail to adapt, you will gradually endanger  
The traits that made your race faster in the race  
You want to die like that? Thought not, so fight back  
Your genetic code isn't even written yet, so write that  
Knowing you're otherwise gonna die is quite a catalyst  
You're on a deoxyribonucleic acid trip  
From Ardipithecus Ramidus to Australopithecus  
To an Instagram influencer chuckin' another pic at us  
Picture this, we're a pick and mix of different bits  
That tilt and shift, tip and pitch, twisted up in a helix  
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(We're the same family, what can I say?)  
What's a man but a naked ape  
With a little variation in facial shape?  
And what's an ape but another living thing  
With some of the same DNA in another string?  
And what's a string of DNA but a cypher  
Containing designs, dictating our nature  
Explaining in writing the laser  
Precise undertaking we're staying alive for?  
But if we find out why, will it make us any wiser?  
Education, the great equalizer  
Keep up with rivals  
Peep what their eyeballs are seeing

When they read anything but the Bible  
We've booked your mind on a voyage with the beagle  
People better be ready for a big upheaval  
Scholars bringing new knowledge  
But the medieval elite theology will condemn and call it evil  
Ha, don't believe all the evidence you've been brought  
Feel free to leave then, it's better for the gene pool  
Ever since we crawled, fresh from the fetal deep pool  
We call the sea to the preschool  
There have been people trying to make it illegal  
To climb higher than the steeple of the cathedral  
But it's deceitful and lethal, we need reason  
To reach freedom and leave from the prequel  
Reboot from the seed to the roots of the tree  
'Til we're reaching the truth and we're eating the fruit  
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