

# Monkey to Man

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A long time ago, our point of view  
Was broadcast by Mr. Bartholomew  
And now the world is full of sorrow and pain  
And it's time for us to speak up again

You're slack and sorry  
Such an arrogant brood  
The only purpose you serve is to bring us our food  
We sit here staring at your pomp and pout  
Outside the bars we use for keeping you out

You've taken everything that you wanted  
Broke it up and plundered it and hunted  
Ever since we said it  
You went and took the credit  
It's been headed this way since the world began  
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Every time man struggles and fails  
He makes up some kind of fairytales  
After all of the misery that he has caused  
He denies he's descended from the dinosaurs

Points up to heaven with cathedral spires  
All the time indulging in his base desires  
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He went and took the credit  
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Big and useless as he has become  
With his crying statues and his flying bomb  
Goes 'round acting like the chosen one  
Excuse us if we treat him like our idiot cousin

He hangs up flowers and bells and rhymes  
Hoping to hell someone's forgiven his crimes  
Fills up the air with his pride and praise  
He's a big disgrace to our beastly ways

In the fashionable nightclubs and finer precincts  
Man uses words to dress up his vile instincts  
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