

Animal Nation

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I didn't meet you in the jungle
Swinging from a tree
I sat down at the piano
You were playing with me
I couldn't believe all the things you could do
The apes I'd seen were in the zoo.

They say we are unique with this language that we speak
But you have proved them wrong.
Skinner and Chomsky, how could they be so blind
With evidence this strong?

Intelligent life is all around us
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When you watch King Kong or The Planet of the Apes
Upon your video screen
When the animals die, tears fill your eye
And you question what you've seen.

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Hey, bonobo woman
Hey, bonobo man
Look in your eyes
That's where I come from.

Hey, bonobo woman
Hey, bonobo man
Talk to me now
I am listening.

You can search the internet
You can use your video phone
To call another friend.
If we gave you all the tools
You can do whatever you want
Who knows when this will end.

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Starting to hear the things you've said
Getting to know what's going on in your head
There's no humans on the line
But there'll be plenty more there in good time.
Dolphins, cats, and elephants

This is not some wild romance
Just look in their eyes and say it's not true
Look in their eyes, they're checking out you.

Communication with the Animal Nation
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