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The Andrews Sisters with Danny Kaye

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with Danny Kaye and Vic Schoen & His Orchestra.

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

So bongo, bongo, bongo, I don't wanna leave the Congo, oh no no
no no no
Bingo, 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, I'll stay right here

I looked through a magazine the missionary's wife concealed (Ma
gazine? What happens?)
I see how people who are civilized bung you with automobile (Yo
u know you can get hurt that
way Daniel?)
At the movies they have got to pay many coconuts to see (What d
o they see, Darling?)
Uncivilized pictures that the newsreel takes of me

So bongo, bongo, bongo, he don't wanna leave the Congo, oh no n
o no no no
Bingo, bangle, bungle, he's so happy in the jungle, he refuse t
o go
Don't want no penthouse, bathtub, streetcars, taxis, noise in m
y ear
So, no matter how they coax him, I'll stay right here

They hurry like savages to get aboard an iron train
And though it's smokey and it's crowded, they're too civilized
to complain
When they've got two weeks vacation, they hurry to vacation gro
und (What do they do, Darling?)
They swim and they fish, but that's what I do all year round

So bongo, bongo, bongo, I don't wanna leave the Congo, oh no no
no no no
Bingo, bangle, bungle, I'm so happy in the jungle, I refuse to
go

Don't want no jailhouse, shotgun, fish-
hooks, golf clubs, I got my spears
So, no matter how they coax him, I'll stay right here

They have things like the atom bomb, so I think I'll stay where
I "ahm"
Civilization, I'll stay right here!