

## Elvis Costello "The Monkey"

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The monkey speaks his mind

And three monkeys sat in a coconut tree  
Discussing things as they are said to be  
Said one to other now listen, you two  
?There's a certain rumour that just can't be true  
That man descended from our noble race  
Why, the very idea is a big disgrace, yea?  
No monkey ever deserted his wife  
Starved her baby and ruined her life

Yea, the monkey speaks his mind

And you've never known a mother monk  
To leave her babies with others to bunk  
And passed them on from one to another  
?Til they scarcely knew which was their mother  
Yea, the monkey speak his mind

And another thing you will never see

A monkey build a fence around a coconut tree  
And let all the coconuts go to waste  
Forbidding other monkeys to come and taste  
Why, if I put a fence around this tree  
Starvation would force you to steal from me

Yea, the monkey speaks his mind

Here's another thing a monkey won't do  
Go out on a night and get all in a stew  
Or use a gun or a club or a knife  
And take another monkey's life  
Yes, man descended, the worthless bum  
But, brothers, from us he did not come

Yea, the monkey speaks his mind

Yea, now the monkey speaks his mind

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