

# Jimmy Buffett

## "The Missionary"

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I didn't know we were at war  
I've been away so long  
Trying to help once lost men  
Distinguish right from wrong  
I didn't know we'd killed the men  
Our leaders proud and strong  
The situation's changed my friend  
I've been away too long

I taught my friends  
How we had gained respect for every man  
And freedom flowed like jungle streams  
While peace embraced the land  
I told them how we'd learned to change  
Our sword blades into plows  
I told them they should learn from us  
What should I tell them now

Chorus:

'cause I didn't know we were at war

I've been away so long  
Trying to help once lost men  
Distinguish right from wrong

The jungle silence shut them off  
From civilized mankind  
Their nakedness was no disgrace  
No censors could I find  
The population lived in peace  
All brothers on their own  
And now that I have seen the mess  
I don't think I'll go home

Chorus:

'cause I didn't know we were at war  
I've been away so long  
I told them they should learn from us  
I think I told them wrong

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