

Nick Cave & The Bad Seed "Fable Of The Brown Ape"

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Farmer Emmerich went into his barn
Found a cow suckling a serpent
And the brown ape clanking a heavy chain
Said farmer Emmerich to the ape
"Never ask me to come into this barn again"

So long
Farewell
So long

Farmer Emmerich had caught the serpent
And the brown ape in a cage
And took them into his house
He fed the snake a vat of milk
And when the ape rattled its chain
He tossed the ape a mouse

So long
Goodbye
Farewell
The villagers found out that farmer Emmerich
Was nurturing a serpent
Descended upon his farm, all rabid in their blindness
They dragged the snake outside, chopped it open with
an axe
And the ground soaked in the milk of human kindness

So long
Farewell
So long

But the brown ape escaped
And was heard to roam the ranges
Clanking it's heavy chain
Down in the valley, it sang to his friend
Whom he may never see again

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