

The Andrews Sisters "Civilization"

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Civilization (Bongo, Bongo, Bongo)
The Andrews Sisters with Danny Kaye
- written by Bob Hilliard and Carl Sigman
- as recorded September 27, 1947 in Los Angeles by
The Andrews Sisters
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 (Magazine? What happens?)
I see how people who are civilized bung you with
automobile (You know you can get hurt that
way Daniel?)
At the movies they have got to pay many coconuts to
see (What do they see, Darling?)
Uncivilized pictures that the newsreel takes of me

So bongo, bongo, bongo, he don't wanna leave the
Congo, oh no no no no no
Bingo, bangle, bungle, he's so happy in the jungle, he
refuse to go
Don't want no penthouse, bathtub, streetcars, taxis,
noise in my 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 ground (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!

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