

## The Incredible String Band

### "Evolution rag"

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we're the fish men or the sea apes  
look at our tails and scales  
and out big tough leader away he wails  
he thinks he is the king pin but he's outraced  
by the little weedy stranger with the grin on his face  
but that is the illusionist the circus man  
and the whole man murdering sea is his caravan (it  
leaks)

eat air croquettes my children dear  
if you want to save yourself time and tears  
history picnickers follow me  
evolution up the slopes of the sea

out on the land out on the land singing hurray  
while a million years pass by and we get well on out  
way  
grandma clears the trash left by previous picnic slaves  
and with just one swipe of her ragged fins she  
uncovers the caves  
singing billy go store the map safely underground  
he does but what is this that he has found

the map has gone how will we grow old  
grandma's tears made the barbecue cold  
I fing myself saying here's where I came in  
the illusionist has vanished like a red hot gin

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