Various Artist "Monkey To Man - Elvis Costello & The Imposters"

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A long time ago, our point of view Was broadcast by Mr. Bartholomew Now the world is full of sorrow and pain It's time for us to speak up again

You're slack and sorry
Such an arrogant brood
The only purpose you serve is to bring us our food
We sit here staring at your pomp and pout
Outside the bars we use for keeping you out

You've taken everything that you wanted
Broke it up and plundered it and hunted
Ever since we said it
You went and took the credit
It's been headed this way since the world began
When a vicious creature took the jump from Monkey to
Man

Every time that man struggles and fails
He makes up some kind of fairytales
After all of the misery that he has caused
He denies he's descended from the dinosaurs

Points up to heaven with cathedral spires
All the time indulging in his base desires
Ever since we said it
He went and took the credit
It's been this way since the world began
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Big and useless as he has become With his crying statues and his flying bomb Goes 'round acting like the chosen one Excuse us if we treat him like out idiot cousin

He hangs up flowers and bells and rhymes Hoping to hell that someone's forgiven his crimes Fills the air with his pride and his praise He's big disgrace to our beastly ways In the fashionable nightclubs and finer precincts
Man uses words to dress up his vile instincts
Ever since we said it
He went and took the credit
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