

If I Were an Orangutan

Raspberry Pie

I've tried my best to be for you
Nobody but myself
To no avail, and I still failed
When I tried as someone else
But I think I have the answer
So please just hear me out
Before you walk away from me
Before you shoot me down

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Would you let me hang around?
Would you like me better if my hair was red or
My knuckles touched the ground?
If you'd find me more appealing
Who am I to disagree?
Take me to Sumatra
Make a monkey out of me

We'll start each morning foraging
For ficus fruits and grapes
We'll live our lives just like the world's
Most solitary apes
With no need for society
No tariff and no tax
For picking lice and crickets
From each others hairy backs

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I'll be the great sensation of zoology
A brand new field in ape ecology
And all the simian you can stand
I'll be the talk of all the anthropology

Majors, with the physiology
Of a monkey and a man
I'll peel bananas with my feet and hands, so

If you don't believe me
If you aren't quite convinced
That paradise is being with
The king of Asian chimps
And living in the treetops
Of forests rich and green
I ask, what is a primate king
Without a hairy queen?

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