

# Civilization

## David Byrne

Somewhere between the darkness and light  
The faces all glow but it's not too bright  
Civilization, it's all about knives and forksIsn't she here? What time is it now?  
Is this the right place? Do I fit with her crowd?  
I'm gonna be a civilized man somedayPart of me wants to jump and shout  
Part of me wants to tear it down  
I thought you might prefer the CabernetCivilization, it's all about sex  
Havin' a ball in a padded banquet  
I'm gonna be that really cool guy somedayThe waiter looks me over  
Would you like cream or sugar?  
I don't know, what was I supposed to sayShe wonders if I'll notice  
I should have brought some roses  
Her plate is full, she hasn't eaten all dayGlasses collect, we order some booze  
She looks at me, I stare at her shoes  
Mature situations, maybe a broken heartMaybe I ought to pay the bill  
Maybe she thinks I never will  
A million things that cross a woman's mindJust be yourself, well that's what they say  
And I barely know who I was yesterday  
I'm gonna be that civilized guy somedayGood friends and conversations, the rise and fall of nations  
A moments glory and they've had their day  
And on my high school folder, I drew a big gorilla  
Something familiar, something far, far awaySomewhere between the darkness and light  
She touches my hand, she don't seem to mind  
We can go home, we can be civilized

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