South America, Take It Away

Bing Crosby & The Andrews Sisters

Up here in the land of the hot-dog stand

The atom bomb and the Good Humor Man

We think our South American neighbors are grand

We love 'em to beat the bandSouth America, baba-loo, ay-yi-yi, baba-loo

One favor you can do, ay-yi-yi, you can do

You beautiful lands below

Don't know what you began

To put it plainly, I'm tired of shakin'

To that Pan-American plan

Take back your Samba, ay!, your Rumba, ay!, your Conga, ay-yi-yi!

I can't keep movin', ay!, my chassis, ay!, any longer, ay-yi-yi!

Now maybe Latins, ay!, in their middles, ay!, are built stronger, ay-yi-yi!

But all this takin' to the quakin' and this makin' with the shakin' leaves me achin', olé!First shake around and settle there

Then you shake around and settle here

Then you shake around and settle there

That's enough, that's enough

Take it back, my spine's outta-whack

There's a strange click-clack

In the back of my SacroiliacTake back your Conga, ay!, your Samba, ay!, your Rumba, ay-yi-yi!

Why can't you send us, ay!, a less strenu-, ay!, -ous number, ay-yi-yi!

I got more bumps now, ay!, than on a, ay!, cucumber, ay-yi-yi!

While all those Latin drums are cloppin', like a Jumpin' Jack I'm hoppin' without stoppin', olé!

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First you shake around and settle there (where?)

Then you shake around and settle here (oh, there)

And then you shake around and settle there (why Bing!)

That's enough, that's enough

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In the back of my Sacroiliac

Oh, my achin' backTake back your Conga, ay!, your Samba, ay!, your Rumba, ay-yi-yi!

Bring back the old days, ay!, of dancing I remember, ay-yi-yi!

My hips are cracking, I am shrieking "Ay-Carumba!", ay-yi-yi!

I got a wriggle and a diddle and a jiggle like a fiddle in my middle, olé!

This fancy swishin' imposition wears out all of my transmission ammunition, olé!

Though I like neighborly relations all these crazy new gyrations try my patience, olé!

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