

### **Worst Comes to Worst**

*“As man advances in civilization, and small tribes are united into larger communities, the simplest reason would tell each individual that he ought to extend his social instincts and sympathies to all the members of the same nation, though personally unknown to him. This point being once reached, there is only an artificial barrier to prevent his sympathies extending to the men of all nations and races.”*

Charles Darwin, *Descent of Man*

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But my tribe lives on every country on earth  
I'll do anything to protect them from hurt  
The human race is what I serve

Some people got good friend; I've got disparate friends  
They live on different ends of earth, but just pretend  
We actually get to the end of the time of tribalism  
Like Obama said, and dissolve the lines of difference  
As man advances in civilization  
And small tribes expand into larger bases  
And communities, the truest reason tells each individual  
That's it's not that difficult to extend our instinctual  
Sympathies to all members of one nation  
Like, for instance, notice how everybody loves Canadians  
Overseas, even if they're personally unknown  
Well so do I! But not so much when I come home  
But I know there's nothing to stop me extending this basic  
Sympathy to the people of all nations and all races  
By the way, those are Charles Darwin's statements  
Paraphrased, a man ahead of his time  
Extending his imagination and formidable mind  
Into a future where all human sympathies combine

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In the South Pacific Islands, there's certain animals that don't  
Experience fear, like Galapagos iguanas  
They never had predators, so their adaptive responses  
Evolved to be as calm as a pack of Dalai Llamas  
So then, why do we have to live with violence  
When this whole planet could be like a pacifistic island?  
Do we need fear to escape invading aliens?  
The only predators here are called Homo sapiens

And yeah, we can be dangerous, but we can also be  
Motivated by affection and reciprocity  
Or by that Old Testament animosity: an eye for an eye  
But that philosophy's got the whole world blind  
Let's not pretend it's gonna be a cake-walk to end it  
If violence is an instinct it's not entirely senseless  
But the logic of human destiny is reciprocal altruism  
Yes we can change our perspectives  
And as soon as this is widely comprehended  
Then I predict we'll be as calm as Galapagos finches

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