

# Harry Belafonte, Man Piaba

When I was a lad of three-foot-three  
Certain questions occurred to me,  
So I asked me father quite seriously  
To tell me the story 'bout the bird and bee.  
He stammered and he stuttered pathetically  
And this is what he said to me.

He said, "The woman piaba and the man piaba  
and the Ton Ton call baka lemon grass,  
The lily root, gully root, belly root uhmm,  
And the famous grandy scratch scratch.

It was clear as mud but it covered the ground  
And the confusion made the brain go 'round.  
I went and ask a good friend of mine,  
Known to the world as Albert Einstein.  
He said "Son, from the beginning of time and creativity  
There existed the force of relativity  
Pi r square and a minus ten means a routine only when  
The solar system in one light year  
Make the Hayden planetarium disappear  
So if Mt Everest doesn't move  
I am positive that it will prove

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I grabbed a boat and went abroad  
In Baden Baden asked Sigmund Freud  
He said "Son, from your sad face remove the grouch  
Put the body down up on the couch  
I can see from your frustration a neurotic sublimation  
Hey love and hate is psychosomatic  
Your Rorsach shows that you're a peri pathetic  
It all started with a broken sibling  
In the words of the famous Rudyard Kipling

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Well I traveled far and I traveled wide  
And I don't even have me self a bride  
All the great men upon this earth  
Have confused me since my birth  
I've been over land and been over sea  
Trying to find answer 'bout the bird and bee  
But now that I am ninety three  
I don't give a darn you see

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