Tom Waits, King Kong

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They thought he was a monster
But he was the King

They came to his island And they brought her with them They wanted to get his picture But they were surprised by his enormous size

And when he saw the woman He took her without question Because after all He was the King

And he loved the woman He loved the way she looked And she wouldn't stop screaming

But he loved the woman And he fought a Tyrannosaurus Rex And it was a bloody battle But he fought it for his woman

And he climbed up a mountain And he looked around Some kind of forest With all these dinosaurs

And he stripped his woman He stripped her bare But there was a pterodactyl There!

And then a hero Came and took his woman And they fell off the mountain Into some water

And then later
He came looking for his woman
But they were waiting
And they threw a bomb

And they tied him And took him across the ocean And they chained him And put him in the show

And when he saw his woman He broke loose And everyone fled in terror And he was looking for her

And he overtook a train
And he was looking in the street
And then he found her in her apartment

And he climbed up the Empire State building It was like a phallic symbol And he took his woman To the top of that towering temple

And he climbed up and looked around Some kind of city With all those skyscrapers And all the cars

Just him and his screaming woman And they were finally alone He loved his woman You could see it in his eyes His great big eyes

He loved his woman From the moment that he saw her He was all choked up inside

But when the airplanes came He was soon to die But he hung on long enough to set his woman down And make sure that she was safe

And as the bullets pierced He looked at her so sincere Before he fell Because he loved his woman

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Who killed the monkey 'Twas beauty that killed the beast

And Willis O'Brien died A tragic death There wasn't much That he had left

And Ray Harryhousen said That when Willis died That's when the King was really dead

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