

## **The Savannah Hypothesis**

*Music, lyrics: Henrik Widegren*

Darwin caused a revolution  
And nothing was like before  
He invented evolution  
Which no one could ignore  
The Pope declared: This is a sin  
Professors popped Champagne  
Cause suddenly everything  
Was very easy to explain

We lived on the savannah  
Our home for very, very long  
And all the time evolution  
Trimmed the genes that were wrong  
Life on the savannah  
Fight or flight to survive  
The pressure caused a selection  
The fittest genes stayed alive

When you're stressed and your blood  
Pressure is getting higher  
It's because pressure's good  
When you met a hungry tiger  
And pizza tastes marvelous  
Because of salt and fat  
And that was very good for us  
When we were lean and flat  
If you are hyperactive,  
And a universal bother  
You can tell your teacher:  
"I was made to hunt and gather"  
Fall in love with beauty queens  
And your kids get better genes  
Fall in love with a Portobello  
- No I'm sorry, you're just a weirdo

*Chorus*

*Recitative:*

And we can explain everything with the Savanna hypothesis:  
Children enjoy opening Christmas presents, because the paper  
reminds them of the rustling leaves of the banana plant, which  
had very nutritious fruits.  
We like to scroll on our smartphones, because the thumb  
movement reminds us of how we used to brush away termites from  
ancient berries.

We like Bruce Springsteen's roar in Born To Run, because it reminds us of the gorilla's signal for: "Come here, I've opened a coconut".

And we like to like on Facebook because the thumb resembles an inverted nipple. And that reminds us of breast milk, which is rich in nutrition and antibodies.

*Chorus*