

Jimmy Buffett, The Missionary

I didn't know we were at war
I've been away so long
Trying to help once lost men
Distinguish right from wrong
I didn't know we killed the men
Our leaders proud and strong
The situation's changed my friend
I've been away too long

I taught my friends
How we had gained respect for every man
And freedom flowed like jungle streams
While peace embraced the land
I told them how we'd learn to change
Our sword blades into plows
I told them how they should learn from us
What should I tell them now

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The jungle silence shut them off
From civilized mankind
Their nakedness was no disgrace
No censors could I find
The population lived in peace
All brothers on their own
And now that I have seen the mess
I don't think I'll go home

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I told them they should learn from us
I think I told them wrong