

"SOOLAIMON - A variation of the word "Salamah", meaning "Hello" and "Welcome" as well as "Good-bye" and "Peace be with you" in many languages." - ND

"When rhythm and blues lost its sensuality for me I fell in love with a woman named gospel. We met secretly in the churches of Harlem, and made love at revival meetings in Mississippi. And loving her as I did, I found a great yearning to know of her roots. And I found them. And they were in Africa. And they left me breathless. The African Trilogy is an attempt to convey my passion for the folk music of that black continent. - N.D."

"Soolaimon was originally written for an extended piece ("The African Trilogy") Soolaimon took on a life of its own when it was presented to a live audience." - ND

SOOLAIMON

NEIL DIAMOND

Come she come say
Ride on the night, salamah
Sun become day, salamah
Day shall provide

Soo, soolaimon
Soolai, soolai, soolaimon
Soo, soolaimon
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Soo, soolaimon
Soolai, soolai, soolaimon

God of my want, want, want
Lord of my need, need, need
Leading me on, on, on
On to the woman, she dance for the sun
Lord of my day, day, day
God of my night, night, night
Seek for the way, way, way
Taking me home
She callin'

Bring home my name
On the wings of a flea
Wind in the plains
Dance once for me

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Neil Diamond 1972
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