

"'Solitary Man' was written in my house in Massapequa, Long Island and was inspired by the minor-key of the Beatles song 'Michelle', which I loved. 'Solitary Man' convinced me I'd always been this quiet, introverted kid. Then one of my fellow 6th grade graduates came backstage recently and showed me our 6th grade graduation book. I was shocked to be reminded that I had been voted 'Most Cheerful'. That totally shook my whole concept of what I was like as a child. I thought I was a loner and it turns out I was probably a cheerleader. On the other hand, 'Cheerful Man' wouldn't have sounded as good." - ND (1996)

SOLITARY MAN  
NEIL DIAMOND

Melinda was mine  
'Til the time  
That I found her  
Holding Jim  
Loving Him  
Then Sue came along  
Loved me strong  
That's what I thought  
Me and Sue  
But that died too

Don't know that I will  
But until I can find me  
The girl who'll stay  
And won't play games behind me  
I'll be what I am  
A solitary man  
Solitary man

I've had it to here  
Bein' where  
Love's a small word  
Part-time thing  
Paper ring

I know it's been done  
Havin' one  
Girl who'll love me  
Right or wrong  
Weak or strong

Don't know that I will  
But until I can find me  
The girl who'll stay  
And won't play games behind me  
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Neil Diamond 1966  
Bang Records Single