

"This song was my first attempt at creating a fantasy life - in a song, that is. 'Shilo' is a feast for psychological interpretation and also the song which ended my relationship with Bang Records, who did not see this as 'in the Neil Diamond hit mode' (whatever that might be). 'Shilo wasn't a huge hit, but has lasted as one of my audience's favorites for almost thirty years. Maybe the audience senses that it really is me talking." – ND

SHILO

NEIL DIAMOND

Young child with dreams  
Dream every dream on your own  
When children play,  
Seems like you end up alone  
Papa says he'd love to be with you  
If he had the time  
So you turn to the only friend you can find  
There in your mind

Shilo when I was young,  
I used to call your name  
When no one else would come,  
Shilo you always came and we'd play

Young girl with fire,  
Something said she understood  
I wanted to fly  
She made me feel like I could

A night out, I let her take me  
Blind as a child  
All I saw was the way  
That she made me smile  
She made me smile

Shilo when I was young,  
I used to call your name  
When no one else would come,  
Shilo you always came and you'd stay

Held my hand out, I let her take me  
Blind as a child  
All I saw was the way  
That she made me smile  
She made me smile

Shilo when I was young  
I used to call your name  
When no one else would come....  
Shilo you always came  
Come today, come today, come today

Neil Diamond 1967  
Bang Records Single