

*They have sweated beneath the same sun
Looked up in wonder at the same moon
And wept when it was all done
For bein' done too soon
For bein' done too soon
For bein' done ...*

In this song of mortality, Diamond lists various famous people who have passed on, including Jesus Christ, John Wilkes Booth and Buster Keaton.

"It was kind of esoteric, especially at that time. But it's just me trying to say something a little different, just try and jog something in a person's memory, or to elicit a reaction. That's what my job is, to do something a little bit different, and yet something that's me and something that's you." - ND

DONE TOO SOON
NEIL DIAMOND

Jesus Christ, Fanny Brice
Wolfie Mozart, Humphrey Bogart
Genghis Khan and on to H. G. Wells

Ho Chi Minh, Gunga Din
Henry Luce and John Wilkes Booth
Alexanders King and Graham Bell

Ramakrishna, Mama Whistler
Patrice Lumumba, Russ Colombo
Karl and Chico Marx, Albert Camus
E. A. Poe, Henri Rousseau
Sholom Aleichem and Caryl Chessman
Alan Freed and Buster Keaton too

And each one there
Has one thing shared
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Looked up in wonder at the same moon
And wept when it was all done
For bein' done too soon
For bein' done too soon
For bein' done

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