

THE AFRICAN TRILOGY (A FOLK BALLET)
NEIL DIAMOND

CHILDSONG

Weeping sky
We bring the sun
To make you glad
And fill you with the day

Quiet tree
We have the wind
To make you dance
And fill you with our play

And you shall be glad
And you shall dance
And you shall come
To learn this tune
Before it fades away

I AM THE LION

There was a flood
And many poor men were killed
And that is why
Our house is built on the side of a hill
The plains are like a friend why can't we build on them
And if the flood should come why can't we run
Hey, hey, hey, hey,
Hey, hey,
I am the lion
Hey, hey, hey, hey,
Bellowing out in the night
We had a cow, I left it alone to graze
And walked to the stream
And when I returned
It was stolen away

But now the cow is gone and we don't need a farm
We have not one thing they would steal away

SOOLAIMON

Come she come say
Ride on the night
Sun becomes day
Day shall provide

Chorus

Soo, Soolaimon
Soolai, soolai, Soolaimon
Soo, Soolaimon
Soolai, soolai, Soolaimon
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
God of my day, day, day
Lord 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

Soo, Soolaimon
Soolai, soolai, Soolaimon
Soo, Soolaimon
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Repeat Chorus

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"MISSA" (Swahili)

Kristo, Kristo, Kristo (Christ, Christ, Christ)

Nitakutana na yeye (I shall meet him)

Nitakutana na yeye (I shall meet him)

Atkutana nami (He will meet me)

Atkutana nami (He will meet me)

Kristo, Kristo, Kristo (Christ, Christ, Christ)

Sina budi Kweda sasa, sasa, sina (I must go now, now)

Budi kwenda sasa (I must go now)

Lazima nischelewe (I must not be late)

Mtoto amezaliwa mtoto (A child has been born)

Amezaliwa, mtoto amezaliwa (The child has been born)

Kristo, Kristo (Christ, Christ)

Kristo, Gloria (Christ, Gloria)

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