

Shabop Shalom

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Our story begins on a Sunday afternoon
Just between Halfway Tree and Spanish Town
Where a young boy, not yet the cock of the walk
That he would soon become, was lying on the grass
And taking in the sweet and sensuous scent of Hibiscus
That languidly lilted along the summer breeze
It was at this precise moment that he saw her
Her walk was soft and delicate
With a thaumaturgical touch that only a Rabbis daughter could have
Before their eyes had even met
Her luminous lips had already lured him in
Salvation winked with the promise of a Bris
Held at pinnacle and a congregation of sages bunny hopping
And chicken dancing to Yiddish Mento
Then their eyes linked, an eon blinked
Amharic vows were screed upon their hearts
Just to think, this could be with the frenectomy and a few words of love
My Shabop Shalom baby
Won't you Shabop Shalom with me
Under the old banana tree?
My sweet Telavivian lambs bread
My heart can act as an emollient
And you'll never, ever say, "Get bent", no, no, no
Todamamatodamama
Todamamatodamama, da, da, da, da
Todamamatodamama
Todamamatodamama, da, da, da, da
All the signals that I'm sending
I'll keep sending them and on the constant
tillionth time
I'll make you mine
(Yes, I swear I will)
Your sweet supple breasts are golden ghettos
Soft statues in stilettos
Two wise men instead of three
Whenever I'm in a foul mood
I gotta' see you in your Talmud
And so happy it makes me
You wanna know who, who wrote the Book of Job?
She wants to know
Who, who wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls?
Well, I did, I did
Yes, yes, I did, I did
I did, I did, I did, I did
Hexakosioihexekontahexaphobia
Can be a fun ordeal
I swear by Solomon's seal
Honey, when it comes to love
There's a fire in the deep end of my heart
Giving me the Heebie-Jeebies
You see, I know the land of wood and waters

Merely fodder for loves slaughter
And darling, I've watched you cake-walk
To the immaculate conception for far too long I'm livicated to you, yes
Ahava Raba, Ahava Raba for you
We're in Heaven, we're in Heaven, it's true
I'm ascending, I'm ascending tonight with you

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