Isaac and Ishmael







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(First two verses can be sung in Hebrew/Arabic or English)

Shalom aleichem, aleichem shalom, shalom Shalom aleichem, aleichem shalom.

I. Sh'mi Yitzchak, ayeh achi, ayeh achi? Sh'mi Yitzchack, ayeh achi Yishmael? My name is Isaac, where's my brother? Where's my brother? My name is Isaac, where's my brother Ishmael?

Salaam aleikum, aleikum salaam, salaam Salaam aleikum, aleikum salaam

II. Ismi Isma'il, wayn achi, wayn achi?Ismi Isma'il, wayn achi, Is-hak?My name is Ishmael, where's my brother?Where's my brother?My name is Ishmael, where's my brother Isaac?

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III. Born on the same Land guided by the same God's hand We were torn apart,
And it broke our father's heart.
I was bound on the altar.
you were left to wander.
Both of us sacrificed,
And it broke our father's heart.

Salaam aleikum, aleikum salaam, salaam Salaam aleikum, aleikum salaam

IV. When our father Abraham died,
We laid him down, you and I.
Then our brother's bonds were broken,
and it broke our father's heart.
Our children's children don't know why
they must fight and kill and die.
We are slaughtering each other –
It breaks our father's heart.

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- V. O Isaac I dream of you in the desert sands!
 - O Ishmael I dream of you in the hills!
 - O Ishmael can we share our father's land?
 - O Isaac can our mothers, too, be friends again?

Salaam aleikum, aleichem shalom, salaam Shalom aleichem, aleikum salaam. O Isaac—can we live free at last? O Ishmael – with Justice in the land? We are brothers – can we live in peace again? O Abraham, father – can we heal your broken heart?

Salaam aleikum, aleichem shalom, salaam Shalom aleichem, aleikum salaam.