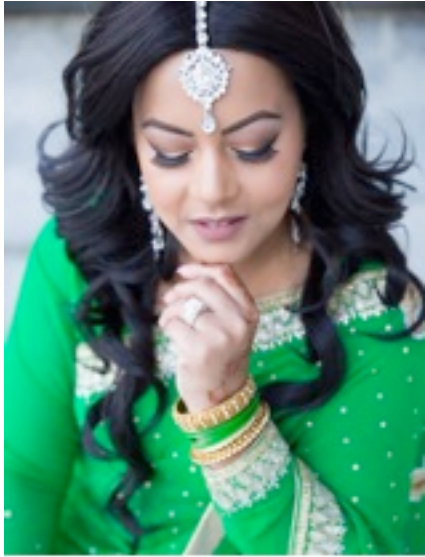


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**SHARING OUR
STORIES**

CITY ARTIST - SHARON

By Don Silva



Sharon has a passion for singing

Working a full time job, and carrying out the duties of a mother and wife, Sharon Ali-Haniff makes time for her dreams and passions in life. Over the years she has been busy with her singing, modeling and participating in many fashion shows.

She participates in talent shows

From the time she was a girl, she had a passion for singing and had participated in her school and community events, enjoy being a part of the talent shows and also participated in acting and drama.

Sharon has sung at various events around the city including, Heritage Days, Klondike Days, International Airport for International Day, Usha Kala Niketon Dance Academy Annual Show, Triple S Musical Evening Show, NAACH 2017 Show.

Sharon loves the art and expresses the art through her passion. She says music is not only her passion, but it is also her medicine that relieves stress and takes her into a world of happiness, creativity and passion, along with the expressions for artistic colors and her vivid imagination that allows her to express her feelings to others. "Music is my life," she says.

She enjoys modeling

Sharon has modeled in Multicultural Fashion Shows and events for the Indian community. She had participated in the Mrs. and Ms. Canada Beauty Pageant 2016 hosted by IDreamz Productions.

Recently, she has participated in the Mommy and Me Fashion Show hosted by IDreamz Productions in May 2017.

Modeling gives her a sense of pride and confidence. She says, "modeling allows her to express to others that we are all beautiful not only from the outside, but especially from the inside."

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SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

by Natasha Chand-Mohammed



*It's time
to start planning
your summer
vacations!*

I've got something to share with you, and just maybe it'll get the summer vacation bug in you. Usually my travels consist of business conferences, site inspections, and busy with meetings. However, last month I actually got the chance to get away on a "vacation" with my husband. I say vacation, but really there was a laptop in my carry on and work was being done daily. Having said that, I was still able to relax and enjoy this extravagant all-inclusive property for a week. I loved it so much that I have to share highlights with you.



A friendly and unique resort

Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico

When you think exclusivity, being spoiled, and fine dining, you're probably thinking of a place like this. Located in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico (close to the Puerto Vallarta area), this family friendly unique resort is the only one of it's kind that features modern spacious resident style rooms, gourmet a la carte dining daily, unlimited golf, and a VIP full service beach club in this area. The staff, the quality of food, and the rooms were absolutely amazing. I would recommend this beauty to anyone!

The most delicious meals we've had - we were in paradise!

The food was simply exquisite - Best culinary experience I've ever had. There is no buffet, all a la carte dining for all meals, no reservations required. Fresh meals prepared daily, as many courses as you'd like, how many times you decide. Menu items included things such as beef carpaccio, lacquered duck taquitos, tequila scenta foie gras brulee, dried chili crusted beef tenderloin, and grilled lamb chops with mint jelly and yogurt, to merely name a few. Hands down, the most delicious meals we've had. We were in paradise!

The rooms here are huge! They are residence suites, ranging from 1-4 bedroom suites between 1407 - 2792 square feet. They also have private villas accommodating up to 4 families, with private balconies for all rooms at 3931 square feet. Each suite is cleaned twice daily, have full kitchen and laundry facilities, and a safe for your confidential and valued property. Normally I don't usually spend alot of time in my hotel room, but this one I could stay for hours and absolutely LOVED it.

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A roof top lounge and pool

Other features include daily shows, nightly live entertainment, and a roof top lounge and pool.

This resort is perfect for a family, a destination wedding, or a couple's getaway. If you're a foodie like I am, I strongly recommend trying this resort.

It's a short distance from the airport, and it's close enough to the town, and multiple excursions to choose from.



If you would like more information about the Marival Luxury Residences or options for your summer vacation please contact me to discuss.

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CARNIVAL TIME

Across the Globe and in the sun

When we hear the word Carnival, we often think of the wildest and most dynamic and widespread carnivals in the world such as the Rio de Janeiro carnival and also the carnival in Trinidad and Tobago, where the people puts on their colorful and exotic costumes and parading in the streets. Over the decades, carnivals had made an impact in Toronto with Caribana, which is one of the largest, if not the largest carnival in North America. Carnival in Edmonton with Cariwest and in Calgary with Carifest are also well known.

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OUR STORIES, OUR JOURNEY



My Solemn Pledge
by Solomon Singh

Listen to the Hollow voice of the Poor
Against the Mellow sound of Greed
The scream of the Poor
Challenging the might of the Rich
The World of Haves and Have-Nots
Like the Limp Hand of Old
Clenched for Life alas!
But not for the Battle

My cry is Blown away and becomes a Wail
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Just a hollow voice in the Wind
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OUR STORIES, OUR JOURNEY

Punwasi, an old Madrasi Legend
by Solomon Singh

My brother-in- Law took me on a tour of the old ruins of the Leonora Estates on the West Coast of Demerara Guyana. All that remained were the foundations and other rusted artifacts of a once splendid Sugar Estate. Of course the surrounding lands were now transformed in a modern housing scheme. A testimony of Guyana's economic transition from vibrancy to residency but let me go to the East Coast of Demerara where an obsolete estate once embraced a great love story.

There once lived an elderly couple who worked on the Sugar Estate and lived in the Logies or tenement apartments for the Labourers who got the demeaning title of "Coolie". Punwasi was a Weeder and her frail husband Ramsammy called "Sammy" was a Labourer, as told by my old friend Prona whose parents knew the couple.

The sweet smell of burning Sugar-Cane and pale moonlight

In the evening with the sweet smell of burning Sugar-Cane and pale moonlight, the old couple would take turns on a bottle of white rum and sing lustily, complementing the tune with the beating of an old kerosene tin can. From a staccato to a raucous pounding, this horrendous sound would evolve into bizarre swaying and gyration of bodies by the old people.

Unknowing to Punwasi and Sam, Massa the Overseer would ride by and observe these bouts of indulgence and wonder how these poor people enjoyed themselves, while his wife and son had long abandoned him for good old England.

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RAMADAN

A MONTH OF FASTING

by Faisal Ally



The month of fasting, known as Ramadan, commenced on or around Friday, May 27, 2017 in Edmonton and other places around the world. During this month, Muslims focus on the purification of the heart, through prayers, fasting, reciting the scriptures in the Quran, and most of all being mindful of their actions, and cultivating their practice to the fullest.

A month of fasting

In general, fasting is carried out between sunrise and sunset, where there's no eating or drinking of liquids. The fast commences early morning where a person has a meal and completes at night when the person eats again. Due to the long daylight hours in the northern hemisphere where most of the day is daylight, and where the fasting is approximately nineteen hours, some adjustments are made to the time of the aisha (night) and fajr (morning) prayers to ease some of the hardships and sufferings worshippers can endure. According to the Quran, Chapter II, Verse 185, fasting should not be difficult, as the creator wants the worshippers to complete their fast. After a month of fasting, the Eid celebration takes place with morning prayers and then a feast, where often Muslims visit the homes of relatives and friends or get together at a hall to celebrate.

Some clarifications and explanations

For non-Muslims, due to the way the Quran is translated from Arabic to English, there can be some confusion in understanding some of the terms and where there may also be incorrect translations, and this is why it's very important to seek answers from scholars or people who understands the Quran and Islam and not from the internet and other sources that knows very little but claims to knowing it all.

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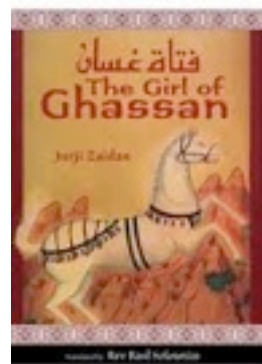
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 <p>On Sale \$2.99</p>	<p>The Trilogy of Savitri's Garden: Book 1, Part II - India to the Americas 1838 by Fisal Ally. Upon arriving in the colony of British Guiana, located northeast of the South American continent, on May 5, 1838, immediately the hardships began. Back in India, an official ban on emigration from India had taken place, when the Government of India had learned that many of the Indians on the the two ships, the Whitby and Hesperus, were deceived and kidnapped into boarding the ships. The wrong class of Indian laborers was shipped to the colony to work in the sugarcane fields; the recruiters had grabbed anybody they could get to pack the ships. In Guiana, like the Portuguese, Germans and other groups, the Indians also had a hard time adapting to plantation and agricultural life, and there were also many deaths due to tropical diseases. To save their sanity, Savitri, Kalil and their friends wanted to see Georgetown, hoping that they would cross path with their other friends that were working on the other plantations. They did not meet up with their friends. Life went on and at one of their get-togethers on the plantation, one of the cooks named, Janhair, was induced into eating pork, which was against his beliefs. Due to the harsh working conditions, many of the laborers had ended up in the hospital; there were also many deaths in the colony. The whip was used on many and there were many escapes from the plantations.</p>

 <p style="text-align: center;">Book 2 A STORY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$5.99</p>	<p>The Trilogy of Savitri's Garden: Book 2 - The Escape for True Love. After the Amerindian (American Indian), Rupununi Cuyuni, had tuned into the Great Spirit, Makunaima, and learned about the storm that was about to inundate the Bellevue Estate, he had encouraged the others to work ahead of the storm and to get the sugarcanes cut. But only Kalil Ansari had taken him seriously, and both of them had spent a few days working past midnight to get their assigned duties completed. Just before the storm had hit, Savitri had learned about the boy she had liked. The devastated storm had brought them together and True Love had begun to unfold, as many were forced to work through the storm to save the sugarcanes including the unburned area that was almost ready for harvesting; sickness had prevailed during the devastation. During the cookout, a plantation manager from another estate had his eyes set on Savitri, being the pretty Indian girl she was. Then the unexpected happened when she was taken away to work on the other estate. Kalil Ansari wanted to find her before she was harmed by the Plantation Manager that had requested her services.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Book 3 A STORY www.fisally.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$5.99</p>	<p>The Trilogy of Savitri's Garden: Book 3 - Rebellion and Reunion by Faisal Ally is a love story based on the Indian indentured laborers that had entered British Guiana in South America on May 5,1838. He was on a ship to London, where he worked on the docks. In London he had met William who had taken him to a protest, where John Scoble was protesting. The Queen arrived at the protest and had made eye contact with Kalil. Kalil continued his travels and working on the docks. Upon arriving back in India, he was reunited with his family. While in India, another ban had taken place, severing Kalil from Savitri for many years. Kalil did not expect Savitri to wait on him, knowing that she would be lonely and need a man to take care of her daughter. While in India, Kalil had joined the army, and later his brother Mustapha and the others were caught up in the 1857 Indian Rebellion and were wanted dead or alive. Kalil had gotten himself in trouble in India and had returned to British Guiana. He wanted to fulfill his promise to Savitri about returning for her, but he had not expected Savitri to be waiting for him after so many years had passed. He returned to Demerara and was told that Savitri was getting married.</p>
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The Girl of Ghassan by Jurji Zaidan. Translated from Arabic to English by Rev Basil Solounias. In this love story, Hammad and Princess Hind falls in love, but then an obstacle came between them and they were separated from each other. As the story unfolded Hammad was also separated from his father and was faced with many challenges while hoping to marry Hind, his one true love. Rev Basil, from Edmonton, Alberta, had done an excellent job with the translation, bringing this interesting and vibrant story to life. This novel can now be purchased directly from Rev Solounias by calling his cell phone:

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Artist Profile



Arooka, an artistic polymath and prolific writer, who has completed over 80 non-fiction books. He is the current leader for the Edmonton Multicultural Artist Group and was nominated for promoting Edmonton Artists on the International stage for the (ATB Financial) Ambassador of the Arts Award at this years Mayor's Celebration of the Arts.

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MUSIC SIMILARITIES

A review on copyright, the poor man's copyright, court cases of famous musician, Bruno Mars, Farwell Williams and Ed Sheeran, along with two similar works to Faisal Ally's by Faisal Ally

As an independent artist, I became interested in music similarities when I began to notice similar music and lyrics to my work starting in 2011. I have been logging the "similarities" since 2011 on my website: www.fisalally.com, www.allypublishing.ca and on Facebook.

I was also very surprised to learn that many popular mainstream musicians are being sued over copyright infringements.

Over the past few years our privacy has been completely eroded where our hard work in the arts such as literature and music can easily be compromised.

It has been very strange for me trying to explain to others that I've been hearing similar work to mine starting in 2011, as many are skeptic, wondering why and how something like this can even happen to someone that lives in Edmonton, a place unheard of by many. But for me the how's and why's were not important, because the fact remains that I have been hearing my music and lyrics on the television and on the radio since 2011.



A picture from the past of F. Ally with his grandmother

It's important to consider that I've written approximately 100 songs and over 15 books, through countless dedication and hard work, and that I may have something that someone wants, for whatever reason, or that someone may want to destroy all my work for whatever the reason or reasons may be, by tearing out the hooks and important ideas from my hard work and decades of dedication. Hooks are catchy parts of songs that can draw attention or make a song what it is.

We are connected to a vast network

Today the world is much smaller than we can even imagine due to the fact that we are connected to the rest of the world through a vast network of computers and electronic devices, which can easily be hacked into. At every moment of the day, many of us are connected through the internet, Facebook, twitter, YouTube, digital files, cameras and microphones on many devices in our homes such as our TV sets, where hackers can easily invade our privacy and have access to our conversations, what we are doing in our homes, what we are listening to, what we are singing or what we are creating, and they can steal our ideas and work right at the moment we are creating these works.

Copyright Laws

In countries like Canada and the United States, as soon as a person puts his/her work onto a medium, it is copy write protected and does not have to be registered. However, if others are using our work without our permission, it's important to have our work registered which can become very costly for artists who cannot afford such costs. Thus many writers / songwriters use other methods to prove the ownership of their work. For example, many use a method called "the poor man's copyright."

The poor man's copyright

The poor man's copyright is often used by writers / musicians where they place their work in a sealed envelope and have it stamped at the post office (preferably stamped on the seal) with the current date that it was taken to the post office. The person mails back this same envelope with his/her material in it back to him/herself through the mail. Once it's received back, it will never be opened, unless if proof is needed for the date when the work was created. For example if ten years later, proof is required, this sealed envelope with the date from the past should only be opened by a judge during a court case and not before. A fair justice system, judge and juror should no doubt look at all evidence, knowing that many cannot afford the costs to register their work in the way corporations do or people that can afford it. A justice system should also understand that in this day and age, technology could easily be used to capture other people's work.

Understanding Music and some similarities

Let's take a line in the song 'Yesterday' by Lennon and McCartney as a demonstration.

The line is: Yesterday, all my troubles seems so far away

-Remove the word, yesterday from the line and keep the rest. The line will still be familiar even with a minor change.

-Add the word 'today' to the line and we get, Yesterday and today, all my troubles seems so far away. We still know where the line came from even if a word is introduced.

-Remove the word 'seems' and sing, 'Yesterday, all my troubles far away.' We still know where the line came from even if some words are removed.

-lower the pitch of the words 'Yesterday' and 'troubles' and raise the pitch of the words 'far away' and stretch the last word 'way' and do a voice run, and you will still know where this line originated from.

Understanding the term 'Music & Lyrics' and accompaniments

When writing a song with lyrics, the song will have melodies and lyrics, and this is what's often unique about a song. The word 'music' actually refers to the melodies, and not all of the instruments playing behind the lyrics. For example the term 'Music & Lyrics written by Lennon and McCartney' means that Lennon and McCartney wrote the melodies and lyrics to the song, which is often accompanied by a rhythm guitar or piano as the backdrop. In this case the rhythm guitar or piano is called an arrangement. A song can be played in many ways by adding different beats and different arrangement of instruments, and it can also be slowed down and sped up. What are often unique about a song are the lyrics with the melodies creating a unique tune.

Also riffs such as guitar riffs can make a song very unique and thus the riff can become very important to the creation of the song, as some people may like the riff more than the melodies and lyrics.

Flexibility in singing a song

If someone writes a song a certain way and then an amazing singer sings the song and changes some notes and or the pitch, that does not mean that the singer created the song or should get song writing credits. Some singers will emphasize on certain notes or stretch the notes, or even leave out a few words, but that does not mean that it's a new song or that the signer should get song writing credit. Some songs are sang completely differently from its original, and thus all of this must be taken into consideration during a lawsuit.

RECENT FAMOUS MUSICIANS LAWSUITS - GONE ARE THE DAYS OF ORIGINALITY AND CREATIVITY

1) Bruno Mars and Mark Ronson are slammed with more accusations of stealing their hit song "Uptown Funk."

Not only in 2015 the Gap Band's songwriters were given songwriting credits for "Uptown Funk" but another female rap group from the 1970s known as The Sequence had also made accusations about their song "Funk You Up" was ripped off by this team, but did not sue. Another band, Collage, with the 1980s single called "Young Girls" is suing; they made claims to the similarities of notes, guitar riffs, bass notes, horns, synthesizers and more. Presently there are nine songwriters, plus another five from the Gap Band that are credited for the creation of this hit song. The Funk band members also want in on this songwriting credits.

SOURCE:

Bruno Mars and Mark Ronson Again Accused of Stealing "Uptown Funk"

By Anna Gaca // October 29, 2016

<http://www.spin.com/2016/10/uptown-funk-collage-copyright-lawsuit/>

2) Ed Sheeran settles a \$20 million dollars copyright lawsuit

Songwriters Martin Harrington and Thomas Leonard of the song, Amazing, written back in 2009 and was recorded in 2010 by Matt Cardle, sued Ed Sheeran over his song Photograph for similar melody, words, vocal style and rhythm. The lawsuit was settled out of court. There were other very negative claims against Sheeran and McDaid for taking credit for the work that belongs to others.

SOURCE

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-4400744/Ed-Sheeran-settles-20M-lawsuit-hit-song-Photograph.html#ixzz4itT90S00>

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By Jason Chester for MailOnline; April 11, 2017

3) Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke to pay \$7.3 million to the Marvin Gaye estate for similarities in their hit song "Blurred Lines"

The Marvin Gaye's estate sued Williams and Thicke for similarities in the song "Blurred Lines" which had made 17 million. Williams and Thicke lost the case and has to pay \$7.3 million to the Mavin Gaye estate.

SOURCE:

Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams have been ordered to pay \$7.2 million to Marvin Gaye's estate over "Blurred Lines." Ethan Miller/Getty; Lester Cohen/Getty by Kory Grow - March 10, 2015

OBSERVING SIMILARITIES TO FISCAL ALLY'S INDEPENDENT SONGS

Unknown independent artists are also claiming that famous musicians work are similar to their work. Below are two examples of similarities to my own work from my own observations. The first song I will look at is 24 K Magic by Bruno Mars and the second song I will look at for similarities in "Just a Kiss" by Lady Antebellum.

1a) The intro for my song True love written in 1994 and recorded in 1994/2000/2011, 2015 and other times, and the intro for 24 K Magic for the song written in 2016 have some major similarities

The lyrics are different, but the framework and melodies for the intro have some similarities. True love begins with "True Love" and 24 K Magic begins with "Tonight". Note there's no other word closer to "True" than "too" as in tonight.

Below, the first lines in plain text are from True Love, and the second lines in italics are from 24 K Magic. Bruno Mars is no doubt an amazing singer and there are some changes, but that's minor to the composition of the songs.

True law ah ah ah ove (This line is from True Love)

Too na ah ah ah aite (This line is from 24 K Magic)

Trueeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee (For demonstration, I stretched out the word "true")

I just want to take you higher (In 24 K Magic, he sings a line of words)

Looooooooooooooooooooooooveeeeeeeee (Note: the word "love" is sang higher)

Throw your hands up in the sky (Note: this line is also sang higher)

Could neverrr dieeeeeeeeeeeee (Note: the word "die" drops a few steps lower)

Lets set this party of righttttttttttttttt (Note: the word "right" drops a few steps lower)

Note: The intro of 24 K Magic can almost fit right into the intro of True Love, even if the words are different.

1b) A very important line in the chorus of True Love is similar to a very important line in 24 K Magic

It's like Magic in the air (This line is from the chorus in True Love)

24 Karat Magic in the air (This line is sang right after the intro)

The melody and lyrics are almost identical in the two songs

Based on the similarities given, approximately 50 seconds to 1 minute of the song 24 K Magic have some similarities to True love, which is more than a quarter of the song. 24 K Magic intro sounds close to True Love, and 24k Magic line "24 Karat Magic in the air is very to the line "It's like magic in the air" in True love. Is it a coincidence that two lines in different parts of the song True Love is very similar to two lines in 24 K Magic?

2) Similarities for the song 'A Kiss Goodnight' written around 1994 and was recorded a number of times in 1994/2000/2011/2015) and 'Just a Kiss' by Lady Antebellum was recorded in 2011.

Note, according to an article on the internet, Lady Antebellum wanted to call their song Just A Kiss Goodnight which is not only similar to the tile of A Kiss Goodnight. It is said that they came up with "Just a Kiss" very late as they were completing their album, and I was handing out my independent CDs with the song "A Kiss Goodnight" around the same time. Note how they

add the word “Just” in their song. Lady Antebellum are amazing singers, so they have runs in the melodies, but that’s minor in the composition of a song, and minor to the similarities in A Kiss Goodnight.

Let’s look at the similarities of the last 7 lines of my song “A Kiss Goodnight” and compared them to Just a Kiss. I selected the lines for “Just A Kiss” in a different order to show similarities

A kiss goodbyeeeee in the morning (this line is sang lower in one version)
Just a kiss *on your lips* *in the moonlight* (this line is sang higher by Antebellum)

(or the above can be sung as “A kiss goodbye, a kiss goodbye, in the morning” etc...where the second ‘a kiss goodbye’ can be background vocals added where ‘bye’ is being stretched out, to show similarities, or remove the word “goodbyeeeee” and “on your lips” and notice how similar the words are.)

To hold you tiiiiiiiiight in the evening (sang lower in one version)
Just a touch *of the fire* *burning so bright* (sang higher)

(or the above can be sung as “To hold you tight , to hold you tight, in the evening” etc...where the second ‘to hold you tight’ is a background vocals that can be added to where ‘tight’ is being stretched out, to show similarities in ideas, or remove the word “you tiiiiight” and “of the fire” and notice the similar ideas in the words.)

Everyone wants someone to say goodnight
So baby *I’m* *alright* (Note alright rhymes with goodnight)

With A kiss goodnight
With just *A kiss goodnight*

 A Kiss Goodnight
Just *A kiss goodnight*

 A Kiss Goodnight
Just *A kiss goodnight*

(A) Kiss Goodnight (often when I sing “A” it’s vague and not stressed as if missing)
Kiss Goodnight (It’s easier to only sing the word “Kiss Goodnight”leaving out “A”)

The ending is very similar, not only in the melodies but also the lyrics. And the lines before the ending are also similar in ways. If looking at the similarities, a big part of “Just a Kiss” is similar to “A Kiss Goodnight.”

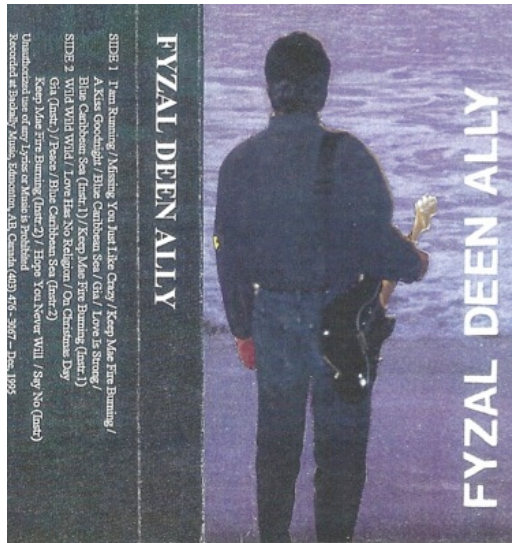
A GLANCE AT SOME OF FISAL ALLY’S MUSICAL COMPOSITIONS

In the October 2016 Cariwave Magazine on p. 14, 15, the EP **FYZAL DEEN, CHRISTMAS (1999)** was posted where the songs on this EP: A Kiss Goodnight, True Love, Christmas, Keep the Peace .

This EP was recorded at Powersound Recording Studios in Edmonton AB. Musicians played on some of the tracks are: Fisal (Fyzal) Ally, Phil Anderson, Carmine Caligiuri, Roxana Avalos-Calderon, John Cooke, Mark Puffer, Matt Robertson. The cover for this EP. Cover designed by Melinda Cushing in 1999. A children choir even sang on the song “Keep The Peace.”

Soon after the above was posted in the Cariwave Magazine with the song True Love the album 24 K magic was released on November 18, 2016.

The tape cover below with Fisal Ally holding the guitar was posted in the the Cariwave October 2016 Magazine and the Cariwave November 2016 Magazine



The cassette tape cover from 1995



More cassette tape cover from the 1990s

Looking Back on 100 songs by Fisal Ally; Part I with 8 songs was completed on Aug 19, 2015 (This CD included the song True Love)

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Fyzal Deen, Sweet Paradise (September 1994 - on cassette)

New Clear Society, Sweet Paradise I, The Birds Won't Come My Way, SoCrazy4U, 2CanPlay, Rain Go Away, ReggaRock, Out of Control, Wide Eye Innocent, New Clear Society (music), Sweet Paradise II

Fyzal, Candle That Burns (June 1995 - on cassette)

New Clear Society (music), Lisa (music), Rain Go Away, Candle That Burns, Dance Baby Dance, Only A Fool Breaks His Heart, Sometimes, Modern Day Gypsy, Moon Child (music), True Love, Wide Eye Innocent, Planet Earth, Lisa, Little Magic Wand, Reaching Out, Estos Sentimientos (These Feelings), Return To Kashmir, Moon Child (music)

Fyzal Deen Ally (December 1995 - on cassette)

I'm Running, Missing You Just Like Crazy, Keep Mae Fire Burning, A Kiss Goodnight, Blue Caribbean Sea, Gia, Love Is Strong, Blue Caribbean Sea (Instr. 1), Keep Mae Fire Burning (Instr), Wild Wild Wild, Love Has No Religion, On Christmas Day, Keep Mae Fire Burning (Instr.2), Hope You Never Will, Say No (Instr)

FYZAL DEEN (1990s - on cassette)

Christmas Day Rock, A Kiss Goodnight, We Party Till We Feel Alright, SoCrazy4u

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Below is the cover for this CD. Cover designed by Melinda Cushing in 1999. CD available upon request.



LOOKING BACK ON 100 SONGS BY FISCAL ALLY (Part 1 - 8 Songs), Original songs, Lyrics and Music written and composed by F. Ally. The songs are: *That's Crazy Love, True Love, The Birds Won't Come My Way, No Perfect Man, Sometimes, Nobody Wanna Say Goodbye, A Kiss Goodnight, Story of my life (2010), Reflect and Celebrate, Precious Holidays* (All songs copyright Protected. All Rights Reserved) CD's by F. Ally are available and can be requested by forwarding an email to: allyproduction@yahoo.com

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VALENTINES 2016 (Instrumental)

All Instruments played by F. Ally. Drum machine used



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OUR STORIES, OUR JOURNEY

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So he hatched a scheme to stop this festivity, which had always weighed on his stomach. Massa also hated these dark painfully and scantily dressed people, who bowed at his very nod, like hungry dogs.

So one evening he took a small canister, which was used for the weekly payroll and approached the couple begging them to keep it for him as he would be away for a few days. This strange request puzzled the old couple and they begged to be spared this task because of the grave responsibility involved but it was an order and they had to comply.

That evening, Massa calmly strolled by and was relieved to hear no singing, drumming or observe any movements by the couple. He spent the other two nights and it seemed as if the little theatre had vanished and replaced by a cemetery. On the morning of the fourth day the couple awaited him at his office and with bowed heads and distraught faces, they begged him to take back his payroll canister. They complained that even sleep eluded them because they took turns guarding the canister. Massa appeared surprised but accepted their wishes.

That evening Massa rode by slowly and watched as Punwasi and Sam once again beat their kerosene can and sang until hoarse, dancing and made merry again by the intoxicating draughts of their favorite white rum. This was their life and they wanted no burdens with it. Massa laughed and went away wishing he had an alternative to the miserable life he endured.

RAMADAN

THE MONTH OF FASTING

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It's also very important to understand the history of the revelations in the Quran and to beware that the Quran is not in a chronological order, which may cause some confusion to readers when relating parts of the scriptures.

Allah - In the Quran (if translating the scriptures from Arabic to English) very often the Arabic word for God is not translated to English, and thus readers may think that God's name is Allah, like a person's name such as Jesus, Krishna, Ram etc...In Islam God does not have a name such as Jesus or Krishna etc...and Jesus is said to be a prophet in Islam and not God. Allah is the word used by Muslims and Christians in the Middle East when referring to God.

The difference between salaam, Islam and Muslim. Note the root slm in the three words. In some instances in the Quran when the word Islam should be translated into English, it is not translated, and thus may cause some confusion.

Salam - means peace

Islam - the practice of peace. When translating the word, islam, in the Quran, this word is often translated to "submit / submission" and "surrender," referring to the person submitting to God

Muslim - A person that submits or surrender to God.

Sharia - Sharia is the Arabic word for law. Like the Quran, most religion texts have laws, such as it is forbidden to take interest, or pork and alcohol are forbidden, or how to divide an inheritance.

A good practice when translating from Arabic to English is to translate all the words

When reading the Quran in English, it's best to translate all words to English. For example, anytime the reader sees the word Islam, replace the word Islam with the English word "submission" or "surrender" to get a true sense and feeling for what the word actually means. Any time the reader sees the word Muslim, translate this word to "a person that submits" to understand the true meaning of the word, Muslim. All the prophets of the past, from Adam,

Abraham, Moses all the way to Jesus and Prophet Muhammad are said to be Muslims and that their practice was Islam, meaning that the prophet was “a person that submits (a Muslim)” and practices “submission (Islam) to the creator.”

Prayers

The Quran does not explain how a person should pray, but says to pray to God in the morning, during the day and at night. In all religions there are prayer forms, and there are only a few ways to pray during scheduled prayers, such as standing, sitting, bowing to the creator and prostrating to the creator with the forehead touching the ground. Similarly, such prayer forms are also carried out in different religions, but in different order.

Like most religions, during prayers, the practitioners recite inspirational verses and also communicates directly to the creator such as asking the creator for help and forgiveness. Prayers are similar to meditation, where the practitioners must focus and leave the busy world in their heads behind and connect to the creator by letting go of their busy minds, thoughts about work, the past, daydreams, fantasies etc... and connect directly to the creator. In Islamic prayers there is also a practice called dhikr (zikr) which is similar to a mantra meditation in Sanata Dharma, where the practitioner focuses on repeating a short phrase calling God (the remembrance of God) over and over, such as “subhannalah” which translates to “glory to God.” The practitioner must be mindful of their practice and cultivate their practice by focusing and not being distracted by anyone, especially not by the opposite sex.

Prophet Muhammad and his followers prayed five times a day. Daily prayer purifies the mind, such as keeping a person focus and away from the temptations that could ruin their lives, their families, and cause them a lot of pain, anger and sufferings. Like all religions, practitioners practice to varying degrees; some Muslim prays five times a day, some prays three times a day, some once a day, and some never but still call themselves a Muslim (a person that submits to God - yet they don't submit to God which is contradictory to the meaning of the word Muslim).

Translations of the text in the Quran

There are debates on some of the text and the translations in the Quran. Like all languages, over time words can take on different meanings and the words in the Quran are no exception, as some words used in the past can be misunderstood today and taken out of context.

In the days of Prophet Muhammad was a society transforming

During Prophet Muhammad's time, the society was in shambles, where women and children were being exploited, many held in large debts, lots of drunkenness and exploitation of women and children. As the society transformed, there were many revelations, and the rules changed at different times. For example at one time it was okay to take some alcohol, but then that didn't work and later alcohol had to be eliminated, therefore a later law came in to replace the first practice completely abandoning alcohol.

Hadiths

The Hadiths are sayings and practices of the Prophet Muhammad, which were collected approximately 200 years after the death of the prophet. There were many false hadith and many are believed to be authentic. Many followers also believes that a hadith must be backed up by what the Quran says else the hadith may not be authentic.

Marriages

Prophet Muhammad was married to one person until she died at the age of 65; he was 15 years younger than his wife Kadija. He did not have two or three or four wives in his twenties, thirties or forties, he only had one wife in those ages. After her passing, his message of Islam (submit to

the creator) was not completed, and his new marriages mostly to widows had played a big part in uniting many tribes, but also because at the time of wars, many of the men were killed and there were many widows that were without, therefore the practice of multiple wives were to help the ones that had nobody.

The Quran and Islam

The Quran was revealed over a period of 23 years during Prophet Muhammad's life and the society was being transformed to a much better society, bringing rights to women and children. Prophet Muhammad had taught his followers how to pray along with the prayer forms. The pilgrimage to Mecca is not a new pilgrimage that was created by the prophet, it's an old practice, in the way prayers are an old practice.

The Kaba

The Kaba is known as the house of Abraham. During the time of Prophet Muhammad and with his belief in the One God that has no image (which is also confirmed in many religious text where God has no image), all idols and idol worshipping was removed from the Kaba.

At first, during prayers, the Muslims had turned facing Jerusalem, and later the practice changed to facing Mecca. Turning towards Jerusalem or Mecca did not mean that the worshippers were worshipping those places or buildings such as the Kaba, but they turned to these places for unity, so worshippers are facing in the same direction and not facing all directions and at each other.

Men and Women separated during prayers

During prayers worshippers stands, bows, prostrate and sits. Men and women are often separated during prayers to prevent distraction from the opposite sex, so they remain focus on the creator at all times, as during prayers a person must be 100% connected to the creator and should not be distracted in any way and do their best to cultivate their practice.

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