

## **Edi Niederlander**

### **"The Ancient Dust Of Africa"**

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The stars of heaven spun madly  
In the pool of the jungle night  
When the hand of God came down to draw  
The curtain from the light  
My eyes beheld a timeless world  
As a stillness filled the air  
And the ancient dust of Africa  
Was settling in my hair

I've wandered down her avenues  
Of antelope and dust  
I've wandered down her alleyways  
Of agony and rust  
I wandered through an endless stream  
Of starving young and old  
And the ancient dust of Africa  
Had settled in my soul

I've climbed her highest mountains  
I've sunk beneath her seas  
I've cursed the rancid fever  
That she carries in her breeze  
But the glory of the eagle  
Had echoed from the start  
That the ancient dust of Africa  
Had settled in my heart

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