

## Trefossa

### "Gronmama"

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Mi a no mi  
solanga mi brudu  
fu yu a n'e trubu  
na ini den dusun titei fu mi.

Mi a no mi  
solang mi lutu  
n'e saka, n'e sutu,  
mi gronmama.

Mi a no mi  
solang m'no krari  
fu kibri, fu tyari,  
yu gersi na ini mi dyodyo.

Mi a no mi  
solanga y' n'e bari  
f' prisir' ofu pen  
na ini mi sten.

Submitter's comments:Â

Gronmama is one of the folk poems written by **Henri Frans de Ziel** (aka **Trefossa**), a well known Surinamese poet that was renowned for writing in Sranan Tongo (Surinamese), rather than Dutch (the official language of Suriname). Sranan Tongo is a creole language of **English**, influenced by Dutch, Portuguese and some African languages. Therefore, Sranan Tongo is in fact a **Germanic language**.

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