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O'Neil a-go home
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During a Reel Dance (Trinidad or Tobago), ancestral spirits are summoned from Africa with special songs and drumming. At day-break the ancestors must leave the dance. This song is a lament at the departure of one of the spirits, O'Neil, here addressed by the affectionate "dandy man." I have this from a box of a book at the Berkeley main library; don't remember the title. JN

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