

## 1. Ténéré feat. Ahmed ag Kaedy

The Finnish part of this song was born in the back seat of a red van in Western Sahara when I was traveling by car from Finland to Gambia in 2017. The Tamasheq part was born in 2019 in Bamako when Ahmed and I started playing the song together.

Ahmed is from Kidal, North Mali and Ténéré means the part of the Sahara where Ahmed lives. The desert is much more than the sand, wind, and hot sun. It's a state of mind. In this song Ahmed and I share our experiences of the Sahara.

To the healing wind which waves my hair.

*“Wind bring me home when my time is over”*

*Tuuli, nappaa mun hiukset, kun auton ikkunasta kurkistan.*

*Käsi ratissa on valettu hiellä, hiekalla ja auringon poltteella.*

*Poika tummatukkainen seisoo kahden maan rajalla.*

*Kyyneleensä hän kylvää aavikkoon. Istuttaa toivon rauhasta.*

*Aika ei meitä kiinni saa. Se juoksuttaa nyt muualla.*

In English

*Wind catches my hair when I peek from the car's window.*

*Hands on the wheel are covered with sweat, sand, and the heat of the sun.*

*A boy with brown hair is standing on the border of two countries*

*He plants his tears in the Desert, like planting hope"*

*Time can't catch us now, it's running somewhere else.*