

Poetry Series

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# A Journey From Cape Town To The Cape Flats

On the way to Blouberg  
I visit a friend in Camps Bay.  
Riding around the Cape Peninsula Area  
We have a bird's eye view of the Cape Point Nature Reserve

I buy some movies in Century City and get stuck in Clifton.  
On the route to Constantia□  
I Smell Fish Hoek  
Around the Noordhoek

Near Hout Bay outside Kalk Bay  
I rush past Khayelitsha□  
To the nearest Kirstenbosch,  
I visit a friend in Stellenbosch and take a trip back to Rondebosch

I find a Kommetjie near the Llandudno  
I discover the beauty of Muizenberg□  
I remind myself of a meeting on Robben Island  
But first I must get out of Sea Point

I travel via train to Simons Town and admire the slopes on Table Mountain  
I meet Victoria Alfred in Waterfront□  
I hear a taxi guard shouting Gatesville, Athlone, Mowbray, Kaap!  
I meet old pals in Lavistown near Elsies River

I visit some technical students in Belhar on the way to Unibel

I move out of Sarepta  
And discover the vastness of Bellville  
I take two taxis back to Parow  
I find myself in Bonteheuwel!

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# A Long Winding Road

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All that needed was direction and skill  
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This situation has made me stronger than ever

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Left emotional scars that I could not easily overcome

But I thank the Lord  
For the strength, guidance and help  
That has shaped me.

And now I know that with my talent I will go far  
I know where I came from and I know where I am headed

I am gonna show everyone who downed me  
And left me in the gutter.  
I'll make a success out of myself  
I will glitter under the limelight by the stars  
Being watched by the Lord and then Angels above.

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# A Mother's Prayer

Before I was born  
You were there  
Praying that I won't despair.

You labored in pain  
You didn't labor in-vain.  
Your prayers were answered  
From Heaven's gates.

A Mother's prayer  
As white and pure as a dove  
Praying that her little ones  
Would be safe from harm.

And as the seasons intertwine.  
And as the seasons pass by.  
A Mother's prayer lingers on.

Years go by  
Children say to parents "Bye Bye"  
Moving on  
Moving on to better lives

Still a Mother prays!

She longs for the ones  
That have moved on.  
Those that have moved onto new lives.

She longs for them  
In her lonely cries at night!  
She longs for them  
In her lonely times!

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# A Smile To Remember

You touched our lives  
In every way  
Your smile  
Shone through  
Many layers of pain

When you embraced the heavens  
I vowed  
To hold you close to me

You are with me  
In my heart  
And everywhere I go

Before you flew away  
I made a promise  
To never forget your smile

And so another year passes by  
But you still in my heart  
Through the seasons  
In the living years  
You are still with me

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# Africa

What has happened to you?  
Your people are dying  
Yet the well-off people say you are doing just fine  
That there is change

Yet there are still slaves  
What was beautiful is now gone  
And we are bearing the consequences of man  
All the trees and homes that were destroyed  
Won't be recovered and forever be toiled

Will there be ever Peace?  
Will there be enough food?  
Is there proof that there will be a roof for your children  
That does not have a place of fruit to chew

They hurt you  
But you will reform  
Someday when there is no man and guns washed away by the storm  
Africa will heal  
That I believe  
and your vengeance will destroy all...

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# Angels

Angels are there when you are in despair  
They also there because they care  
To guide your soul through the night  
And protect you from every fright

When you sleep  
Your soul wonders around  
Its the angels that protects us from every hound  
Angels are not to be feared

But rather to be considered as a white cloud  
Rather get down on your knees  
And welcome them  
They are kind and they are there to deliver a message

A special message from God  
And you must listen carefully to the word  
To leave everything you bust with and take note  
Remember this is not a joke  
Angles are always around

Even when you are down  
They are there to help you off the ground  
To take you to a special place

A place known as grace  
May the Lord look after you and take care of your soul

May they protect you while you sleep, cause  
You never know when danger lurks in the dawn.

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# Anger

Anger is a result of fear  
A result of heartache and tears  
Anger causes pain  
Which in the end will remain

Hidden in the past  
It all came out last  
For waiting to long  
Would cause the suffering to go on

And in the end  
Hopefully all the anger will be gone  
And forgiving would be granted

To the pain, suffering, tears and fear that they started  
Forgetting won't be easy  
But in the end you will sleep peacefully  
With the comfort of knowing

It is better talking about the problems than any showing  
And later on, All will be said and done  
The anger and everything else will be over  
I'll be by my maker, who will offer me a shoulder  
To cry, to scream all the hurt within  
Won't solve anything

And in the end to rise, towards the skies  
To see the gates  
where my Lord Jesus awaits.

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# Another World

When I close my eyes and fall asleep

That is when I dream

Entering an entirely different world

Where there are different souls

Having a great time playing with them

The fun never seems to end

There's no limit to the time up their

It's very clear and everybody cares

The adventure and the view is to die for

It's like being a little timetraveller, in the sky you know

The people are friendly and there's no violence

Their lives are so hectic that that they go about in silence

Another world a place that's perfect

Boundless, breathtaking, Celestial

And when you wake up, you back in reality

In a place where there are crimes and mortality

But Hopefully this will change

And everything just like it was in my dream be perfect and great.

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# Anytime You Need A Friend

Anytime you need a friend  
I'll be here  
To guide you through your fears  
Rely on me whenever you in trouble

To save you from the rubble  
To be together, forever, till the end of time  
I will be that Angel who will guide your soul through the night

To share special occasions  
With family, friends and the neighbours  
And always know that I won't let you down  
I'll be you there to cheer you up like a clown  
I'll be your friend right till the end  
So never fear ca use I'll always be here.

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# Blue

I walk out of class  
In search of a colour  
As I cross the bridge near the Thintana computer labs  
I find my search

As I turn my head to heaven; s way  
Blue stares at me  
Looking down and overshadowed  
With clouds and mysty weather from winter

Blue lurks behind the clouds  
Blue is in my mind  
I see the colour everywhere I walk  
Blue bags, blue cars, blue t-shirts  
The colour floats like water

As I return to class  
from a ten-minute break  
I see a blue poster outside the notice board  
Blue overshadows my mind  
Blue overshadows my being

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## Brazil (Aux Existe Amor)

Gabriella walks through the streets

Ole' Ole' shout the mestizo men in the street

Her mocha skin glistens in the sun

Long lashed eyelashes and never ending hair

Gabriella observes Julio in the street

His beauty flails like petals

She yearns for his milky skin

To embrace her like he did the night before

Quand existe ti amor! ! !

Whispers Julio to her

Si! Si!

Gabriella knows that with Amor like this

Love will be forever

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# Butterfly

Spread your wings and fly  
to the highest sky  
And prosper in your work  
So that your future won't be dark  
It's time to blossom  
It's time to rise  
Never look back  
While in the sky  
To find true love  
And to be happy  
And in a few years time  
To change your baby's nappies  
To live happily ever after  
With joy and laughter  
Aurevoir my friend  
See you on the road one day  
And if we don't meet again  
goodbye from me your loving friend...

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# Chameleon

From brown to green  
Chameleon changes he's colour  
To suit the cause  
To embrace the rainbow nation

He can fit in with all  
After segregation  
After hibernation  
Chameleon walks free

Down the roads  
Up the hills  
In between robots  
Chameleon walks free

The wind howls furiously  
Gusts blows him away  
Papers fly across the streets  
And chameleon walks free

Returning home  
To the planks of dirt  
Cockroaches observe him with haunted eyes  
Chameleon changes colour  
Chameleon is free!

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# Changes

From the gutter  
To the pearly gates  
We are all destined  
To a brighter future

Sadly,  
Not everyone is let in...  
For those who make it  
A true miracle occurs

Some abuse their fame  
Others cherish their gifts from God

We are hear  
By his mercy  
Yet so many deny him

It is only when  
His wrath is cast upon us  
That we listen

Some learn via experience  
Others don't listen at all  
It is only when we hurt  
It is only when we experience pain

That we take heed  
That we learn  
That we realize  
The path  
That is destined for us.

The pot of gold is waiting to be claimed!

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# Children Rise Up

Children rise up  
Children rise up  
You are free  
You are free  
From Satan's reach

Children rise up  
Lead the way  
You are the light  
That sees us through each day

Children Rise Up  
You are from God  
Made in his image  
And closest to his heart

Children Rise Up  
Young and Old  
Go out and profess the word of God  
With earnesty and with soul

Children Rise Up  
You are special  
You are special  
More so than the God's angels

For you are the angels  
The leaders of the world  
The light from the darkness  
The most precious of us all

We are the children  
Each one of us  
Young and Old  
Are from God's soul

In Him we believe  
In HIm we shall succeed  
Through turmoil and toils

God protects us from Satan's ploys

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# Christmas Tree

Everybody loves Christmas  
Young and Old  
Good and Bad  
Weak and Bold  
Playing in the snow

Singing jingle bells and giggling in the snow  
And from the inside  
The smell of dinner that holds

Throwing snowballs at each other  
With laughter and flutter  
Saying Merry Christmas to your neighbours  
Knowing that it is very rare during this time of seasons

For people are not like they used to be  
Singing and playing around the christmas tree  
Caring and giving  
With pleasure, laughter and singing

Christmas I believe is special for the young to see  
To laugh and dance with all the other kids  
Even when the sun burns out and there is no-one there

Christmas I believe will be there right till the end  
For everybody  
To give light and  
To share

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# Crazy About You

I've known you all my life  
I must say it has been fine  
All the obstacles that stood in our way  
All the people said nay.

We showed them that our love was strong enough  
And that there is nothing without trust  
We've been through the good and bad  
And I must say it has been tough

knowing all the situations were very rough  
We will be together till the end of time  
And our love will grow with time

I'm crazy about you  
And I hope you know it  
I am so blessed to have you in my life

Knowing that from this moment on  
We can grow  
Old together and continue  
To enjoy...  
The pleasures of love and life together

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# Dreams

Dreams can be shattered in a blast  
So we have to live life till the last  
We have to forget about the sorrow  
And focus on tomorrow  
We have to work hard through the night  
So that our future will be bright  
We don't have to fall in the streams  
And wash away our dreams  
People say dreams are for little children when they are small  
But what happens when they grow up  
Just remeber dreams can come true  
And that the future don't have to be blue.

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# Everything Fades Away

Well it is so that it has come to this  
to reflect on situations that were totally a miss  
Our love was doomed from the start  
It was proven by your departure  
You left without a hint of goodbye  
Which left alot of sadness/tears in my eyes  
Wondering what went wrong  
To a love that was so strong  
Everything faded away  
i hope you happy wherever you stay  
Don't come back with promises of a new beginning  
All you will bring is misery  
Things will never be the same between you and I  
That is why I am writing this poem  
So Goodbye! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

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# Families

Family is love  
Family is care  
When you are in trouble  
They are there  
To make you feel happy  
When you are sad  
And do things that make you feel glad  
Families stick together  
And love one another forever  
Festivals are very special for families  
Because it brings extended families together from far away  
To sit around the fire place  
To embrace  
To be with one another and to dance  
That what families are for  
To make you better  
To laugh  
They always there  
When you are in despair  
For families, always, always care

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# First Impressions

When he first saw her  
She dazzled him  
She was everything to him  
He wanted to ravage her

When he first saw her  
She engulfs him like the sea  
Her beautiful long lashing eyebrows and hair  
Sent vibrations jumping wild within him

When he first saw her  
She looked so young  
Her mocha skin glistened in the wind  
While her hair flailed like petals scattering

When he first saw her  
She drove him mad  
Mad with passion and lust  
He had to have her

When he first saw her  
He could take it no more  
She was to be shaped by his being  
She was to be his forever more!

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# Fly Away

It seems only yesterday  
That we were playing in the rain  
The time ticked so quickly by  
And we had to say goodbye  
All the dreams we had fell from the sky  
So fly away you sweet Butterfly  
All the people that watched together  
Believe that we would last forever  
It was all a ruse  
And we ended up being the fools  
It's time to move on with our lives  
We need to get away from each and all the lies  
I hope you find true love somewhere else  
What we had was special  
But its better left in the past  
Goodbye my love  
I hope things work out for you  
And that you don't get fooled again  
So its better left like this and that's end.

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# Friends

Friends are there  
And they care  
From the first day at school  
Till the last day of varsity  
They are their by your side  
To have a best friend  
When you are in despair  
To play with you, when you are alone  
They always make you feel at home  
True friends will never leave  
They always believe  
For you are their friend  
Right till the end  
When time stops  
And there's no one there  
You think you all alone in the air  
For when you turn your back around  
There is all your friends gathered around.

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# Hero

A hero is one who inspires  
He is never a liar  
Inspiration we draw from them  
They never unwilling  
To lend a hand  
And become inspiration in our land  
To protect us when we are in fear  
And lend a shoulder for every tear  
To listen to problem with their ears  
That's what they're their for, our friendly peers  
To guide us when we are confused  
And be their for us through the blues.

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# Inspiration

Inspiration stems from Hard work and perpiration  
With dedication and belief  
From spiritualisation  
To go for the gold  
Overcoming any obstacles that holds  
With courage and Hope  
And to be bold  
To pray and to believe  
That's how I did it and succeeded

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# Leaving Home

I pack my backs  
"It's time to go"  
Never has this feeling of joy felt so bold

I am all grown up now  
Without mommy and daddy by my side  
I can make my own decisions now  
I am leaving home

Goodbye to my parents  
As they wail seeing the back of me  
It's hard  
They hope if they will ever see me  
I wonder if I ever want to see them again

Europe will great  
It will brighten my mood  
It will take all the marks away  
That the old regime as left in my way

At least there I'll be South African  
And not clustered in a group  
At least I'll have peace of mind  
While I try to recover from remnants of the past

Adulthood, flight  
I'll spread my wings and I'll overcome my obstacles  
It's time to rise  
It is time to fly

Goodbye South Africa  
I hope I'll never see you again!

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# Long Winding Road

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# Looking Back: Journey To The Past

Looking back  
I realized that the things  
I went through was worth it

Looking back  
I realized how I have grown  
As a person

Looking back  
I remember  
Nights of tears and heartache  
Of loneliness and despondency

Looking back  
I realized  
That not many make it to the top

Looking back  
I realized  
That I had to mature quicker  
Than my peers

Looking back  
I realized  
That one  
Has to be strong  
In this cold world

Looking back  
I realized  
That friends come and go  
But God  
Will always be there

As I close my eyes  
I realize  
That I have been blessed  
God has saved me from eternal damnation



# Miles To Go Before I Sleep

Everywhere I go  
All the faces that I see  
All the smiles of wonder on the faces  
That I greet

Nothing in this world can ever  
Replace this feeling side of me...

Miles to go before I sleep  
I'll travel far and wide  
Over land and seas  
To reach my destiny...

I'll see the sun rise in the east  
And then settle in the west...

I'll watch the sun shine  
With all it's glory  
She is immortal  
She is tie immemorial  
She'll be with me till she burns out

We are one  
I'll watch the moon glisten brightly  
As twinkle stars enclose me with their embrace  
Somewhere over the rainbow  
All my dreams will come true!

I will hear echoes of joy  
Echoes of love  
On the waves of the rushing seas

A new day has come  
And I'm not going to back down now  
I'm going for my dream  
Yeah! You better believe

It's hard to say goodbye  
To the people that have come into my life

They will always remain in my heart  
As I sit on the plane  
And make ready to depart

The future is mine  
Never will I back down again

No more tears of sadness  
But tears of joy

I'm very happy for the first time in my life! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

One chapter has concluded  
Another one as begun  
It's like a never ending journey to reach the sun.

I've packed my bags  
" it's time to leave"  
Never has this feeling of joy felt so great  
Inside of me

I am all grown up now  
I am not that little boy anymore...

I" spread my wings and fly  
It's time to rise  
I will not look back as I head towards new skies.

You'll hear my echoes  
In the calmest of seas  
You'll sense my presence  
In the warm winds.

I am free  
And I am at peace.

Goodbye my friends  
Until we meet again  
And if we don't meet again  
Then goodbye from lee your loving friend!



# Music

Music is a gift of life

To listen to music and feel the tough

For some it is inspirational and others to much

Music can move an individual in a certain way

Especially if a close friend or artist as passed away

It can make you happy when you feel down or mad

We all have our idols

Young and old

There music is inspiring and the word stands out bold

We all love different flavours of music

Whether it is Classical, Rock, R&B or Hip-Hop

I Believe that the music carries a message

And we as people derive a small part of a particular song and carry that piece into our hearts

Music I believe will never die

And it will always live on and form a small part of our lives.

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# My Journey To The Unknown

A journey takes a few students to a small dorp called Clanwilliam.  
From campus we assemble in the dead of the night  
We catch the first rays of sun  
Streaming in the car

We gather in the parking lot outside UWC  
In the dead of the night  
Mist gathers with icy wind piercing through me  
As our journey takes us away from the Cape's sea

I observe the nature that springs up from the earth.  
Beautiful daffodils, roses, lilies and dandelions  
Flay out with magnificent might

Songs pop up " Uptown girl", " Queen of My heart", " I have a Dream".  
Along the river we see some ducks and swans that are rare in winter  
Riaan takes out his camera and starts filming some footage  
While Neely and Merrington discuss to us what to look out for.

The blue skies echo from above  
The rough ground growls and babbles under the heavy weight of the tyres  
We came home after a long journey to the unknown  
A journey full of mystique and beauty that leaves me eerie at the end of the day

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# Peaches And Cream

My girlfriends are peaches  
She tastes of cream  
Her curvaceous body  
Sends wild vibrations within me

I embrace her  
Her touch tingles me  
Never has any women tasted like this to me  
Her cream tops the jelly

I love desert  
As she sets it out for me  
I have to eat more  
Her yolk provokes me

By the time we are finished  
The peaches are all done  
The cream has been tasted  
And so has she by my love.

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# Preparing Dinner

I watch the pot on the stove

Water is overspilling

The rice is cooking

With bubbles galore

I smother chicken in sauce

Sauce that is made up of green pepper, black pepper and onions

Accompanied with that is the All in one spice.

Watch out for the toilet paper

The spices start talking

The chicken gets fried

The smell of breyani echoes through the house

I chop the potatoes as well as the carrots

I open up McCain veggies

And distribute it with the food

I put more spices in and the McCain veggies

Gets assimilated into the food

The pot is filled with colours

The steam fills the house

The brown chicken starts talking to the yellow potatoes

So does the carrots

The rice is strained

It rises to the core

I use tastic rice

Because it is the best out of them all

I set the table with plates

And it is ready to be filled

One by one they get dished out

First the rice (centered) and then the potatoes and chicken

Ice cream is served as desert

Coca-Cola is poured into glasses

The sweet taste bubbles in my mouth

The hot food burns my mouth

While the cold drink soothes its pain

I smother tomatoes and onions with vinegar

And serve them next to the food

The sauce gives the tongue extra kick

And goes down with a good drink

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# Quiet Waters

Memories of happy times  
Flood my head  
As the boat rocks on and on...

Kids are laughing  
Kids are smiling  
Enjoying the blue skies  
As the wind angrily  
Blows the waves against the boat.

A moment of stillness fills my mind  
As I think of Cape Town  
My birthplace, my home, my life.

I can't help but feel sad  
As flashbacks of the past  
Pop into my mind.

Watching these kids being happy  
Makes me feel sad  
As it takes me back  
When that was once in my life.

I am happy where I am  
I am happy in my soul  
But the little boy's life  
Was cut off so soon.

Nights of terror.  
Nights of the unknown  
That little child  
Had to mature quickly  
Or die young.

The boats jerks  
Kids plague me for a picture.  
I smile though the pain  
I smile through the heartache

They are happy  
I am sad  
I wish I could be like them  
But that time has passed me by.

As we pass the  
Last turn off  
I feel a sense of peace.  
Maybe it is my late grandmother  
Speaking to me.

"Forget the past"  
"Move on with your life"  
"So that you can be happy"

I have to follow the star in my heart  
For years its light has faded  
Over the years it has dimmed  
I hope it returns for me to move on...

Again, the boat jerks  
My stomach turns  
I feel my inside trying to come up.

But soon we arrive at our destiny.  
I say goodbye to the mountains  
To the trees  
I am thankful to God that  
I have lived another day.

And so my journey continues...

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# Remembering You

From the time you graced the earth  
To the time you left  
Your spirit is felt  
No more pain, no more tears  
No more heartache for your to bear

A beautiful Rose  
Gone to the sky  
Way up high

Your smile lights up the room  
When you enter  
Your touch calms our souls  
When we are in despair  
Your presence is felt  
Forever more

You embraced us with protective arms  
You gave advice with earnest truth

Somewhere way up high  
You are smiling down  
Wishing that we  
Move on with our lives

"Forget and forgive"  
"You will be released from your internal demons"  
"Love yourself"  
"And move on"

Your smile  
Your beauty  
Your love  
Will never be forgotten

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# Soundtrack Of Our Lives

From the time we grace this world  
To the time we leave  
We leave memories  
Memories of good and bad

We record events in our lives  
With every snapshot  
Every smile and every laugh  
Brings unknown joy at times in our lives

A little tingle touches our hearts  
When we look back on our lives  
A tingle touches us  
When we look at pictures of days gone by

Tear drops fall from our eyes  
When we remember  
People who have embraced the heavens  
People who have inspired us

This is the soundtrack of our lives  
"All the world's a stage"  
We record events  
Take a picture with a new film

And treasure them for the rest of our lives

'All the world's a stage' from *As you like it* by William Shakespeare.

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# South Africa: A Place Of Death

Beautiful landscapes  
Beautiful blue seas  
Beautiful cities filled with different cultures  
That once was evident to you and me.

Now, crime, poverty, racism and aids  
Overcomes this land  
Once filled with mystery...

A place of death  
For its own as well as others.  
" uncle, gee `n rand asseblief? "  
" Antie, `n stukkie brood asseblief? "

Smash! - the car window splits and cracks into bits  
The tanned tattered little boy runs away  
With a black bag  
Filled with mystery.

For the little boy  
It is gold that he snatched  
But tomorrow or next week  
A new form of gold will be captured.

For the defenseless victim  
Anger, shock and relief  
As it easily could have been  
Her blood splattered on the windscreen

Yes, this is what has become  
Of a land that once was  
Possessed by European- Sun Gods  
Now the black baboons  
Run the show and all hell  
Has broken loose.

No order, no stability, no morals  
No rules, no humanity, no peace and no sense of safety...

How we long for the good old days  
When we could play outside and enjoy life  
Instead of huddling behind closed doors for fear of ending up lying dead in a  
drain.

This is the reality of South Africa  
Where freedom comes at a deadly price.  
And for many others who have taken the road.

There is peace but eternal remorse  
For family left on the African shore.  
Not knowing when one's family  
Can be struck down by bullets, or raped or murdered...

Sadly, South Africa has become the age old saying  
Ruthless, vile, animalistic, backward and inhumane...

Lee John Siebritz

## Still... I Remember

You passed by ten seasons ago  
Leaving behind broken and lonely hearts.  
You embraced the heavens  
With your kind heart.

Those that stayed behind  
Broke down and could no longer survive.  
Still... I remember her smile.

I remember her radiance  
Her kind heart  
Her sound advice.  
And warm embrace that kept me  
From the storm  
An embrace that would linger in my mind and heart forever.

As seasons passes by  
As we say goodbye to Christmas everytime  
I still remember  
The hugs, the smiles, the kisses  
Each time my family came by.

But for now, I bid thee farewell  
Until we meet again.  
Somewhere way up high  
Where the sky is as blue as the seas below  
And heaven reflects your love for me.

Lee John Siebritz

# Storms

Ain't gonna get me down  
Underneath the ground  
Ain't gonna make me drown  
For if you have faith

You can weather any storm  
I am gonna make it happen  
Out of the darkness of this world  
With its twisters and twirls

I'll weather every storm  
That comes in my way  
While doing it, I'll show a brave face  
Ha ha! To all those who looked down on me

I am much stronger than you think I am, you see?  
Now I can see it clear  
The storm is gone,  
A new day has come

And the storm has gone under the ground

Lee John Siebritz

# Success

Success is an achievement for hard work

Through hard work and prayer and trying times

The lord makes it happen

to be blessed with the faith in him and strength

It was possible for me to succeed

Because I believed

To feel happy for what I have done

To cry tears of joy and scream aloud

To be applauded and to be envied by some

To go home and be hugged by your mother

and to see a smile on your father

To look back and be proud

saying I did and that's how

To receive an award for what you have done

Is phenomenal for some

And in the end saying it was fun

Because success is the best result under the sun.

Lee John Siebritz

# Swimming In The Sea

Summertime is here  
And it is time for me to swim  
Bodies of all shapes and sizes  
Will be evident in the sea

Swimming in the sea  
Provides closure of the winter for me  
After being secluded for a few months  
It is time to embrace the sea

I hope the sea will not be full  
As I would really like to swim  
The tingle of water through my feet  
Provides peace for me

My body becomes accustomed to the sea  
As the heat linger on over the beach  
I am engulfed by the waves  
" Ooops..." I am far back in the sea

I see various shapes floating in the sea  
They take up all the space  
I can hardly breathe  
It is hard for me to swim

There are bodies all around me  
"Fok! Hoe kan `n mens so swem"  
Swimming in the sea provides solitude for me  
Swimming in the sea sets me free!

Lee John Siebritz

# Thank You

For the days you carried me  
In your bosom  
Thank you  
For drying my tears at night  
When I could no longer fight

Thank you  
For the years of belief  
When others doubted

There were times of unbelief  
When family closed their doors  
Pulled up their noses  
And looked the other way

Thank you  
For humbling yourself  
Enough  
To go and ask for food  
When others looked on and laughed

You and Dad are my heroes  
Thank you  
For the years of understanding  
The faith you had in me to succeed

I know you are proud  
I see it in your eyes  
I see it in your smile  
I see it in your laughter

I know I can never repay you  
For all the things that you done for me...  
A simple "Thank You" seems insensitive  
So I will make you proud  
By being an example  
And helping Zaundrei and Shimonne  
Rest assured  
They will be fine

With God by our side  
Faith and peace in our lives  
He will lead the way  
And provide for a better day.

Lee John Siebritz

# The Drowned City

She once bore fruit of exquisite taste  
Lemons, apples and bananas  
Were eaten by sailors who came by  
Her fruits bore life

The trees that she had  
Sheltered the citizens from the sun  
Now it is gone!  
She will be no more

Trucks came by with bricks of stone  
They built on her  
A city that was cold  
She was pushed back into a corner of herself

Eventually she drowned  
When people come to visit her on the map  
They were blinded by what they saw  
They don't know what lies under the sea  
Under the sea lies a city in shock!

The city is no longer there  
The city can no longer be  
This was Olympus  
But now she is I!

Lee John Siebritz

# The Heavens

Somewhere way up high  
Is a land filled with peace  
A land where pain lingers no longer

Over the rainbow  
Lies an unclaimed pot of gold  
That is waiting to be claimed

The secret lies within us  
But is lost when we gain wisdom  
When we are tainted by this world

The secret disappears just before  
We learn to speak

The clouds above  
Protects this beautiful land  
From invaders

It secures the land with its milky layer

For those who are foolish enough to climb the mountains  
Try again

The mountains,  
The trees  
The land  
The animals, know the secret

The secret to the heavens lies in the ...

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# The Perfect Day For An Uprising

As I sit in the creative writing class  
And wonder by my troth  
What I am doing  
I am asked to write about a topic that I have no schema to.

My eyes are tired  
My body is worn  
This English department can make one wan  
I would like to protest against their policy

Today I think is a perfect day for an uprising?  
While my fellow peers  
"If that's what I can call them" sit scribbling on the desk  
I wonder are they experiencing the same hell as I feel now.

The weather is beautiful  
Drops of tears fall "plop" to the ground  
Strangely I hear birds chirping  
The lyrical sound brings joy to my heart

Maybe the uprising can wait for another day  
As the light shines on me  
I hope my pen will not dry out  
The lecturer scribbles seriously wondering  
"What the hell these students are thinking about"?

Lee John Siebritz

# The River Cries

Everytime they pass me by  
Everytime they say goodbye  
I cry... I cry... I cry.

I flow with gentle ease  
As people enjoy me  
During special times

I watch them having lunch  
I watch them singing songs  
I watch them playing games together  
As I pass them by each time

It gets lonely at nights  
When its all dead still  
When the sun has faded  
And the moon has come out.

I'm alone  
As twinkle stars take pity on me  
With their glare  
All I can do is stare!

I overflow when it's winter  
I'm dry when it's summer  
I'll leave here when the tide comes in  
And sweeps me away.

I'll leave here with memories  
Memories that are...  
Memories that were...  
You and I but now it's goodbye.

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# The Secret

The world has changed  
It is not the same  
So many crimes  
So many bloodshed

The rich stay rich  
The poor remains poor  
Governments look on  
While their people die

So many fatherless homes  
So many motherless homes  
Where are we headed?

Did we forget the secret?  
Did we forget to love our neighbour?  
Did we forget to accept each other?  
Did we forget to respect one another?

It is not about skin colour  
It is about respect and love

That's why this world is in such turmoil  
Some taking the Christ out of Christmas  
Messing with God  
Is like destroying your path

He is the one that  
Holds the secret  
To our lives

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# The War In Iraq

I lie on the bed

And put on the telly

The newsreader declares the following

“ The war is over”, yet the fight goes on

I see on the telly

People dying and children crying

Bang! Bang! Bang! Fires one soldier

Damn! Damn! Damn! Says another bolder

The war creates stress, anxiety, fear and death

I see soldiers eighteen years of age and older

Careful aiming is essential to stay alive

Because if they make a mistake it could end their lives

I see the parents crying on the TV

“ Why did you take my son and not me”?

People running around madly and falling to the ground

The war in Iraq creates anxiety inside of me

I feel sorry for the children and parents of the deceased

Once the war is over the after affects begin

Soldiers are plagued by the nightmares of the past

At the end of the day it affects the present day

I hope that the war will end

Because it is silly to lose one's life over something stupid

The enemy is death

Your friend is life

It's your choice to see which one's right!

Lee John Siebritz

# There For Me

There for me  
Before I was born  
There for me  
During the storms

You gave me life  
And I am hear for you  
Like you were there for me  
You are the greatest love of all

Endured painful labour  
To bring me into this world  
You trusted me to grow  
I gave my heart to show

You made me who I am  
And that is the greatest reward  
We are one  
Never to be broken, Never to be undone!

Lee John Siebritz

# Through The Rain

I will make it once again  
I will stand up from the rain  
I will prosper once again

And each time I fall  
I will stand up tall  
Those who watched on  
As I was out in the rain  
Who did not give me a place to stay

May the lord look down on your sins  
And deal with you one day

But I know life is too short to dwell on past events  
I need stand up and gather my strength  
For the fight is yet to come  
And I'll be ready to take it head on  
With the Lord by my side

He will guide me through the night  
He'll protect me from the cold  
And shrug off death  
As he knocks on by my door

To keep me safe  
As I wonder through the rain  
Knowing I will stand up again

Lee John Siebritz

# Watching The Hours Pass By

Johnny sits waiting all day  
For fish to arrive  
He wonders whether they have died  
For hours and hours he waits for the fish to take it's bait

A ripple in the lake  
Sends his fishing rod a warning  
The worm has been spiced up for the fish  
Its fragrance was aroused in the lake  
The fish tasted the hot spices in the cool lake

"Steady old girl" says Johnny with a smile  
" Soon you will be mine"  
Ripples overlap  
The fish rod numbs with pain

The fish battles with the rod  
Johnny pulls harder  
He will not let go  
Its weight surpasses that of a stone

The fish hooks himself loose  
The ripple disappears  
Johnny sits waiting at the end of the lake  
Waiting for another to taste his spicy bait

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