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SINGENISO

Kuyabonakala kutsi lulwimi lwesiSwati lutfufuka ngemabanga lamakhulu. Loku sikubona ngekuchubeka kwekukhicitwa kwetincwadzi letinyenti tesiSwati. Umvemve yincwadzi yetinkondlo tesiSwati letibhalwe boSonkondlo labanyenti labehlukene, labakhombisa emakhono lakhaliphile basahaya batigambuta tinkondlo.

Kuliciniso kutsi kufundvwa kwetinkondlo kushiya labanyenti bangacondzisisi kahle ngenzima ledlalwa nguloluhlobo lwembhalo etimphilweni teluntfu. Umvemve lo uveta ngalokusobala kutsi kuvisisa bunkondlo kudzinga buciko nebunyoningo bakho mfunzi wenkondlo. Loko ukwenta kusukela usayibuka nje ngemehlo, sakhiwo sayo sangaphandle, ucwaninga emagama leyakhiwe ngawo (ngaletu tikhali letifanele) kute uyewufika ekuhlaliyweni kwemicondvo lebekwe nguSonkondlo asakha, atfumbeletela kuyawufika ekuveteni ingcikitsi yayo inkondlo.

Ngenjabulo nangeligcabho lelikhulu namuhla sikwetfulela lencwadzi **Umvemve.**

SICEPHU A

1. TINKONDLO LETIBUTSISIWE

Kulesigaba lesilandzelako sekwetfulwa tinkondlo letibutsisiwe. Letinkondlo tibhalwe boSonkondlo labanyenti labanemakhono lakhaliphile lehlukene ekubhaleni tinkondlo.

MSHINI LONGADZINWA

Ngiphakamisela tibongo kuwe,
Ngihalalisela imisebenti yakho,
Ngiyakubongela mshini longadzinwa.
Minyaka yonkhe uyakhicita,
Ugaya kuphume ligugu,
Ugaya kuphume emandla.
Bahlangi bemphilo baphuma kutakho tandla,
Balolongi bengcondvo bavela kuwe.
Ngibala ngingacedzi mshini,
Wen' uphetse likusasa lelunfu.
Labakubambako abavami kutisola,
Nas' ubakhicitile baphumela eveni,
Baphile ngemnotfo labawutfole kuwe.
Chubeka ugaye, ukhicite, mshini longadzinwa.

umoya:
Ujabulile/uyabumi

Ingekitsi:

Kubonga imisebenti lemihle yabizihela, sakondlo
udvumisa batsicheva ekunikeni lamfwana
likusasa lelichakasile

Vinkondlo sonetsi ngisho ngoba inemigca
lelishumi nakonye

umoya, ujabulile, nekuchanya egucukeni: yekun
lamfwana likusasa leli chakasile

TSEMBA LAMI

Ngaphandle kwakho ngimuhle ngani?
Imini nebusuku nginoma ngawe,
Ungumngani lowendlula bonkhe.
Ngenyusa live ngemehlo, ngilibuka ngalamhlophe ngawe.
Ngaso sonkhe sikhatsi ungitselela kumamatseka,
Lutsandvo lwakho lujulile.
Malanga onkhe nginekunetiseka ngawe,
Etinsizini nguwe longibindzisile.
Buso bami ubunike kucwatimula,
Ingcondvo yami wayishayisa umoya.
Sengifile kukhatimula emoyeni,
Sengihlume timphiko tekubetsa umoya.
Nawungafa ngingafa!
Nawudvute ngingete ngafa.

Lindiwe Sikhondze

LIFA LAMI

Lifa lami,
Lifa laphakadze,
Lifa lelingapheli,
Lengaliphiwa nguMdali.

Ingani waliphatsisa batali bami,
Kusukela ngingakatalwa,
Bokhokho nabo wabaniketa lelifa,
Wonkhe lophilako kulomhlaba,
Unalo lelifa.

Lingehlukanisa emkhatsini wetive
Lingenta ngingabonakali kutsi ngisive sini,
Ngalimunya ebeleni,
Ngako ngingete ngisalishintja,
Ngako sengiyakhona kubhala ngiphindze ngifundze.

Jabulani Mbhamali

SENGENELE NGawe

Noma babahle bahleka kamnandzi,
Noma bahleti bahlabela kahle,
Noma badla behlisa kamnandzi,
Basha babhadla bachuchumbiswa ngumhlaba,
Bangenako kuthula bahlupheka,
Behla benyuka basangene baneluvalo,
Ube selok' ucatsam' ushaya kancane,
Ubabukil' uhlwitsa ngekutsandza,

Wewele wayaluka wonkh' umhlaba,
Badvuma belakanyana bats' utabavela,
Bakholwa bahlabela batsi utabaphulukisa,
Kants' awunasimemo, awunasihawu.
Sengenele ngawe!
Ulijaji uyintsambo yemhlaba.

Lillian Xolile Nkhambule

Lana yinkorabo eaneta

KUPHELILE

Libito lami lisele emlandvweni,
Tigidzigidzi tiyibonile imisebenti yami,
Nami bengihamba ngiphakamise emahlombe,
Benginyatsela kuzizimuke umhlaba,
Ngichamuke babangisane ngami,
Baphakamise sandla bafune ingalo yami,
Labanye bagucuke tihlobo tami ngekuphila,
Bangikhulumise noma ngibutsakatsaka,
Ngingene ehhovisi bathule bonkhe batsi du!
Kwentenjani? Sekungene lomkhulu,
Ngihlale kulesinemasondvo lesintofotelako,
Ngigibele imoto lesekhetselweni,
Namuhla sengidvwalile,
Ngidvwaliswe yindvundvuma lesindza sifuba sami.

Ingcikitoi:

Nerville Johnson

IMBAKADZA

Yehheni! Inyandzaleyo!
Kugicike lelingakanoni,
Lehla njalo ngesihosha,
Endleleni langashiya lutfo.
Lafihlita wena silwane,
Lasitila wena sihlahla,
Langceveta litje nembokodvo,
Konkhe lokusembikwalo seticaba.

Liye lagcumukela elwandle,
Tinhlanti tabuva bukhona balo.
Emikhunjini tevakala tigi,
Tigi nato tifute lona,
Tikutsintsa ugicikele kulongenamkhawulo,
Lona live selihleti esifubeni.

Sengcabaphi Dlamini

NGILJAHA

Angitsintsi,
Angitsintfwa,
Ngitiva ngihamba
Ngitiva ngihleti,
Angesabi lutfo.

Bangibita inkhaba,
Bangibita silima,
Ngibashay' indiva,
Ngigiye ngishon' elawini
Mine ngilijaha.

Kwala imamatseka,
Kwale ingibambile,
Noma seyingiphutsata yehhe!
Angiyi nani phansi.

Ngisokele lotako wami,
Litjitji lami, ngasokela nabogcunsula,
Ngasokela imphilo yami,
Imcoka kimi imphilo yami.

Thokozani Mfanukhona Dlamini

LOMLILO

Mlilo ushis' emakhaya
Kusale kukhalwa.
Ushisa tiganga,
Kuphele imfuyo,
Kuphele umnotfo.

Liphilisi lengobolwane lisebentile,
Libulele tilwane,
Labulala bantfu,
Labhidlita likhaya,
Kwasala tindzala tamila imbuya.

Tindzaba nguwe
Ndzabakatibutwa.
Unjengengungu,
Utfwele konkhe.

Kute longakwenti,
Uyabhala,
Uyahlabela,
Uyatitfutsa,
Ingabe siyaphi ngawe?

Fikile Mnisi

IMBOKODVO

Sila mbokodvo sila,
Sila sidle sive *se-Africa*,
Sidle kudla lokumnandzi,
Sitila ungalali mbokodvo yaketfu.

Siva liphunga lelimnandzi
Lichamuka ngasedladleni,
Iyasila imbokodvo yaketfu,
Yondla situkulwane nesitukulwane.

Noma sidla kudla kwengcondvo
Siyesutsa mbokodvo yaketfu.
Ulubhaca emphilweni yetfu,
Sesibona bo a e i o u.

Tive tonkhe tiyakujabulela,
Kudla kwakho mbokodvo yaketfu,
Sitila ungalali busuku nemini
Neliphunga lakho lelimnandzi.

Busisiwe V. Maziya

LOMALUNGELO

Ntfombi yetive sikwemukele ekhaya,
Asikwati kahle, uwekudzabuka kuphi?
Siyakutsandza kepha asikucondzi,
Uphi uyihlo, uphi unyoko?
Kukuphi kenu ntfombatane?
Ngitjele ngifuna inkhaba yakho,
Ngifuna kukwati Lomalungelo.

Ufikile kutokwendza kuNgwane,
Satsatsa imitsanyelo satsamba.
Satsambela kungena kwalomusha,
Sakhohlwa bomakoti beminyaka,
Sakhohliswa kubona lomusha
Lomusha singalati limuva lakhe.

Umfati ngumntfwana kulowakaNgwane,
Ngwane nguye inhloko yelikhaya,
Inhloko lengamele konkhe kwekhaya.
Wena uyamangala Lomalungelo,
Kenu wonkhe muntfu lomdzala
Uyaticabangela, uyatikhulumela, uyatibambela.

Utibeka embili Lomalungelo,
Khumbula utokwendza kuNgwane,
Awuketi kutobhidlita waNgwane,
Umkhetsile Ngwane baphelele bo-Africa,
Khokha likhono lelihle kuphela,
Lelibi ulimbele emuva kenu.

Bufati bakho bubonakele,
Utintile kaNgwane wakhululeka,
Wakhululeka wakhicita loya embili,
Ngisho situkulwane saMswati mine.
Sabonakala singulesikhaliphile,
Kepha wayitolo akasicondzisisi.

Wate wangenta Lomalungelo.
Bakho abatsintfwa,
Wabatsintsa uyabahlukubeta,
Imfundziso yakho inemandla lamakhulu,
Uyifake kubakho yatinta.
Yashiya wayitolo angakhoni
Kwakha umliba loya embili.

Sekubonakel' ute wati, ucondze ngco,
Timpbandze takho setisimile
Tewabuyela kenu, usimile.
Ungenile esibayeni saNgwane,
Watihlanganisa naboSomhlolo.
Buya sihlalisane Lomalungelo,
Ingani nguwe Ngwane lotsi,
'Indvuku lenhle igawulwa etiveni.'

Ingakitsi -

Wandzumuti Zwane

Nkondlo bani - nkondlo gqeta
Moya wa nkondlo - udvumele,
Sakhiwo sangekhosi - khuluma naye joo
Sakhiwo

KUYANGILANDZELA

Ngashaya ngagadla ngaphumelela,
Ngaphumelela ebubini ngisitwa ngulomubi.
Kumnyama kuhlwile, kwenile kwesabeka,
Kubindzile kulukhuni kungenamasito,
Nembeza abalisa ngimgwema,
Inhlitiyo ivutsa igaya tiboti.

Wakhala phansi kabuhlungu longenacala
Wakhala wayobayoba,
Abukene namehl' abovu akananhlitiyo uyatfunukala.
Yageleta ngentsamo ingati ngiyibukile,
Ngatatatela njengelichegu liganiwe.
Impela imali yimphandze yesono.

Ngema ngaba sibholongo ngimelwe yingcondvo,
Umshina lokhafula kufa ngiwubuka eSandleni.
Ingcebo lengangifaneli ngayigwamandza,
Kwaba kanye ngatsi tinyawo ngetfwale.
Ngalibala kutsi liso laSimakadze libanti,
Ngalibala kutsi sandla semtsetfo selulile.

Thembinkosi Ryan Tsela

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LITHUNA

Phansi emajukujukwini ngiyakhontisa,
Phansi kulelo lakamhlaba lelibandzako,
Phansi kulelingayiwa ngulolubuyako,
Kuze ngifike ngiyafisa kutifikela
Ngemvelaphi lengacocwa ngumuntfu.

Kutsi uneluhambo ungangatisi,
Lese ilungile uyingenele uwedvwa,
Kutsi anginabani ungishiye ushikitele,
Ngisho nemlayeto wemphilo nekuphila,
Ungcebeleke kulelimnandzi ngiyafisa.

Niphumulile kulenu nasikhohlwa,
Tentimba temihla natikhohlwa,
Kulelingenambiko nancwadzi nisatise,
Phutfuma ungisondzete ngiphumule,
Busika nehlobo ngiphumule.

Ningakayilindzeli tfole yendvodza,
Kugogo ngiyakhumbula kwesukesukela,
Kumake ngiyakhumbula impela
'Ngikuphica ngetichibi telive,'
Kubabe bese sitilobho etibunu,
Kubokhokho ngiyavusela ngekutitfofa.

Mandla Henry Zulu

CHAWE LEMACHAWE

Uyinsimbi ledla letinye!
Uyinkhosi yemhlaba wonkhe!
Wengamele tive ngetive,
Ubusa ngesheya, ubus' e-Africa
Ngubani longamelana nawe?
Lokwenta umngani uyaphumelela,
Lonkonkoshela wena uyewela,
Lokudlako usutsa kube phakadze,
Logovuka nawe uyakhuluphala
Indlala ibasihambi kuyakhe imphilo.

Wasentfutwini umsula tinyembeti,
Kuphele kukhala, kuvele kukhanya.
Uvala imisele, uvete imilalati.
Ulitsemba lalongenamandl'ekutilwela.

Usiphephelo semhlaba longenabani,
Ungumlondzi wemvelo lengudzindvwase,
Tilwane tisitwa nguwe,
Emahlatsi alondvwa nguwe,
Nguwe lokhalela sibhakabhaka.
Impela ulichawe lemachawe.

Ngawe ingcondvo iyacocoma,
Ibuke tintfo ngendlela lehlukile.
Ungumtutfukisi weluntu lolukuncinele.
Hha! Awucedvwa Chawe lemachawe.

Wandzumuti Zwane

LUDVONDVOLO

Mntfwanami, buka nalundvondvolo,
Lubuke ugubhe tindlebe ngikwetsele,
Ngikwetsele emakhatsato emvelo,
Situkulu sakhokho wakho Mdvuba.
Lendvuk'uyibona, nganikwa ngubabe,
Babe wami lokungumkhulu kuwe,
Naye wayinikwa nguyise waboyise,
Kangiyati-ke ndvodzana yagawulwa nini,
Kungatsi yadzabuka nakudzabuk' umdzabu.

Tiga netigigaba tatiwa ngulo,
Lelakubon' akubhalwanga bhukwini,
Kubhalwe kuy' incwadzi lengenamakhasi,
Lubuke mntfwanami, kul' ufundz' imilandvo,
Lucondzile, lucatsa, luhle fana,
Kalucwayi muntfu, kukuye lolucwayako.

Ludvondvolo lolu fana, ngiyadvondvolotela,
Ngisima kulo laph'emalunga sadziniwe,
Ngibhula ngal' ematolo nangihamba,
Ngiphindze ngigiye ngalo nangitsakasile,
Ngive ngalw' emanti nangewel' imifula,
Ngivisela ngalo kumnyama, ngitfol'indlela.

Ndvodzana, ngicamela kulo noma ngilala,
Ngitive sengigiya kulakaMdvuba boMgongoloti,
Kungasekho kudzinwa kwaleli lelingigilako.
Manje ndvodzana sengigileke kwekugcina,
Ete ngisadvondvolotel'emalunga sayala.

Lutsatse fana, naw'udvondvolotele,
Hamba yakh' indlela, nami ngente njalo,
Nakuvela bulukhun'embikwakh'ugileka,
Bambelel' uvinyelele kul' usime,
Ungalwi ngalo, "Khutj' ugoduke,"
Lucondzile, lucatsa, kalucwayi ndvodzana.

Ngiyajabula ngilulondze wadzimate walukhandza,
Sekungawe-ke ndvodzana kulusebentisa,
Musa kwenta luphunyuke kutakho tandla,
Muhla luphunyuka nobe lulahleka,
Uyob'ulahle bakaMdvuba, limuva lakho,
Uyophilisa kwenhlw' ifanelwe kugolwa,
Uf'ungasabi nanzawo kubakini labalele,
Sala kahle fana, nalo ludvondvolo,
Dvondvolotela, ulushiye badvondvolotele.

Salayedvwa Magagula

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INGUNGU

Ngesikhatsi sendlala ngiphephela engungwini,
Engungwini phela ngitfolo loneliphunga
Hhayi lelibi kepha lelimnandzi
Kitsi tsine bengungu.

Ayikho esibayeni setingulube, kulolo ludzaka,
Loluneliphunga lelicheketa inhloko ekhatsi.
Kepha isesibayeni setinkhomo talakhaya,
Tona tingumnotfo lophelele walakhaya.

Ingaphansi kwebulongo betinkhomo.
Lobu bulongo lesisindza ngabo
Emaguma netibuya netindlu talakhaya.
Noma uphetfwe sisu uyabunatsa bulongo.

Ingungu lena isiphephelo setfu,
Ingungu lena ingumnotfo wekuphila kwetfu,
Isisekelo selikhaya liphelele.
Yinhlitiyo yelikhaya lelifanele.

Yingungu yaboMose bandvulo,
YaboJohane benhlakanipho yandvulo,
YaboEsta bafati belwati lolujulile.
Balingise nawe utikhwankhwase engungwini.
Tindlela tabo tekudla kwabo titekulingiswa.

Iphetse indlela yekuphila lengungu,
Iphetse tibonakaliso letingakusita
Kutsi uhambe endleleni lecentsiwe,
Icentselwe wena yilandzele njalo,
Uyawuphepha emlilweni waphakadze.

Sengcabaphi Dlamini

LITHOSHI

Ebumnyameni ngatfolo lithoshi,
Ngababona bakitsi beduka,
Bakubona kukhanya balandzela,
Ngakhanyisa ngihola indlela.
Ngicalatile emuva ngabona
Linyenti lidvonswa kukhanya,
Lingilandzela ngihola indlela.

Bachubeka bahub'emahubo,
Badvumisa kukhany' embikwabo,
Bangidvumisa ngiphetse kukhanya,
Ngabuk'emuva ngitsamandza ngabona
Emashumi sabal' emakhulu balandzela,
Kwaba tigidzi, netigidzi talandzela.

Ngahamba ngitsamandza ngilalel'emahubo,
Kusenjalo ngashelela ngawa,
Lithoshi laphunyuka lacasha,
Longilandzelako wagobondzela walitsatsa,
Watihola tigidzi mine sengiphansi,
Tigidzi tagidz' etikwami tendlula.
Ngawev'emahubo ngalosekahol'indlela.

Salayedvwa Magagula

ENGULENI

Nyoni yami wo ntsha.....
Nyoni yami wo khhli.....
Lunwali lucobo,
Ngisho izaqheqhe mine
Uwadla usale wesula umlomo.

Aphuma enguleni
Leseahlala inafuna,
Ipha noma ngubani lofunako,
Adle ashaye sentfwala,
Adle alungele indlela alale.

Yinye lengula?
Buka nhlangothi tonkhe.
Wena ubona tingakhi?
Ngala ubamba umlomo,
Ngale ayisatekwa.

Wonkhe, wonkhe
Uyanatsa, avube, kusale,
Ngiyekele sihlobo sengibonile,
Nami ngifuna kona loko,
Sinatse, sivube, kusale.

Sengcabaphi Dlamini

KUBHALWA SISWATI

Letfwese kuNgwane lomuhle,
Letfwese kuNgwane longatsintfwa
Letfwaswa wavuka wagwacatela,
Lusiba lwagijima ensimini lemhlophe,
Lwalima lwalala emnyeleni,
Lwalima kwasala inhlanyelo.

Inhlanyelo yinyenti ayinakuphela,
Bahlanyeli bavuke tinhlanya,
Bahlanyela busuku nemini,
Bahlanyelela netebekuhamba tisu,
Bebalele butfongo bangaboni,
Balima abacedzi ngemdlandla.

Tivutsiwe tibhuluja kwadliwa,
INGCAMU yavela babamb'imilomo,
Ingcamu yesive sonkhana,
Endleleni sive sitawudla,
Sanchinyela sive sisahamba,
Ayicedvwa shiyela labanye.

UMTJINGO ukhale wabavusa,
Wakhala kwetfuka lobekalele,
Watsatsa likhuba wangena
Ensimini naye walima,
Lamuhla sitsi IDUBUKELE,
Wota nawe ungesabi,
Nalo lifutfo lasekwindla.

NakuNowa kwaba ngulesi,
Linyenti ngekunganaki lasala,
Akukhetfwa nkhobe endlutjini,
Longaphandle akavinjwa, ngena,
Lilima leNkhosi leli ngena,
Isalinywa lensimu ayipheli.

Nakulo leNkhosi liVangeli,
Baningi basho, "Lalabamhlophe"
Bakhona labatsi, "kute lokunje,"
Babekhona noko labatsi,
"UyiNgcwele Simakadze uyaphila."
Wena-ke lalelisisa usukume.

Sisana R. Dlamini

ASIYAKHE LENDLU

Buyani maSwati sibambisane,
Buyani sakhe lubondza loseludzilikile,
Nguloyo akete nelifosholo, sakhisane,
Nguloyo akaphonse litje esivivaneni.

Buyani maSwati aMswati sakhe
Lendlu leseyishaya timfa.
Nasingakacapheli sitayitfola idzilikile,
Bafike betive bashaye ngehhamela.

Sukumani bakaNgwane sakhisane,
Sakhisane lendlu ledzilikako,
Sikhohlwe kuba boGubhela,
Tonkhe tisu tilambile.

Buyani maSwati lamahle sakhisane,
Sondzelani sakhe indlu lenesisekelo.
Yekelani kuhhwebhana indlu idzilika.
Idzilika sonkhe sikiphe emehlo.
Setiphelile tindlu tekukhosela,
Asiyakhe lendlu.

Nerville Johnson

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NGIBATSANDZE BONKHE

Ngibatsandze bonkhe.
Ngitsandze labamhlophe,
Ngatsandza labansundvu,
Ngatsandza labadze,
Ngatsandza labafishane.
Ngibatsandze bonkhe ngelutsandvo lwaphakadze.

Ngibatsandze bonkhe,
Ngitsandze tifundziswa,
Ngatsandza bophukeshe,
Ngatsandza bomahlalela,
Ngatsandza bomashayelaphezulu.
Ngibatsandze bonkhe ngelutsandvo lweliciniso.

Ngibatsandze bonkhe,
Ngababeka luphawu lwami.
Ngibabophe ngelibhande bababona bonkhe,
Ngabanciphisa kute basheshe babonakale
Ngibatsandze bonkhe.
Ngabanindza umlomo wababovu tju!
Ngenta tinwele tabo tababusheleleti,
Ngabatsandza kwate kwabasekufeni.

Lutsandvo lwami lusimanga,
Lukukhaphisela kubakini labalala,
Lufinyeta ngekushesha busha bakho,
Emagugu emhlaba, alite lelite,
Logana mine uyatihlolela,
Mine! Ngibatsandze bonkhe, nalabanye.

Sakhile S. Mavuso

OFA NAYE

nephelete wandiza,
ndiza weca tilwandle,
etfwele imbewu yakho,
swele sihawu neluvelo.
ngomo munye,
njongo yinye,
hamba naye.

nive, wasakata, wafumba.
ho labatiko 'uyandzisa.'
umnyama betingcondvo bakuvuma,
vuvundzisa umhlaba,
iza lalilitela.

be wasacata, wasila.
be emadliwa langanasici,
uba leticocodzele,
abe bolangaliphuma,
hlaba bongikhalehleka.

hlaba ukwekhutile ngalesento,
bindza shengatsi awukho,
tsi solo uyagenula, uyasacata.
advuma emabhasi,
bonga umphakatsi.

bhuku nesibulawela wasitsatsaphi?
uboni yini emakhaya sahleleka tinyoni?
njijiva ayikwetfusi naseyehla?
ani batali bakho?

Angingabati kutsi nihlobene naBulepheli,
BoSifuba naMkhuhlane batukulu bakho,
BoLibhande naTilondza bakhoti bakho,
Wataleka kabi,
Situkulwane sakho sibi.

Sale uhamba Ndofanaye.
Sesivile, safundza.
Asusinike litfuba lelincane,
Utawubona kutsi sesivile,
Siyakwetsembisa.
Ungenile emlandvweni.
Netitukulwane tiyawutetsela letinye,
Nato tetsele labetako.

Mduduzi Vilita Lukhele



NYOKA

Yinyoka lenjani le?
Lengenandzaba nabozakwabo tilwane,
Inenzaba nelugogo lwemuntfu.
Inemsila lolugelegele longuphoyizeni,
Lenesitfozi lesingagcini kumuntfu munye.

Kantsi uvelaphi yemphicabadzala?
Ufunani emantini lesiphila ngawo?
Utsi asiphile njani ngaphandle kwemanti,
Emanti layimphilo kitsi.

Kuvela lomncane uyageca,
Kuvela lomdzala uyageca,
Kuvela wesifazane awunandzaba,
Nakanjalo wesilisa awunamsebenti.

Emanti nangiwakha angiwakheli lite
Ngiwakhela imphilo lechubekako,
Lokufanele ngiyiphile nebakitsi nesive,
Wena utsi akabe ngewami ngedvwa.

Sitfozi sakho asigcini kimi,
Singene kimi, sangena kumndeni wonkhe,
Kwabhubha likhaya lonkhe.
Awusho nyoka, vel' uvelaphi?

Hawuka safa tintsandzane,
Hawuka imiti setindzala.
Ngumtfombo wemphilo lo,
Saphiwa nguMdali
Watsi asiwusebentise ngelisiko nangenkholo.

Cha ngiyakwesaba nyoka,
Awubonakali kutsi wachamukaphi,
Awabonakali kutsi ubulawa njani,
Kwakho kugec' ugeg' ushiye umonakalo.

E-Africa bakukhomba ngesheya,
Ngesheya batsi uwe Africa.
Kantsi uwekudzabuka kuphi?
Sitjengise limuva lakho.

Phuma nyoka lasitibeni asisakufuni.
Uwabhubhisile emakhaya sekwenele,
Uyibulele iminotfo kwenele,
Uwabulele emasiko kwenela.

Sewutsi asiphile siphi nyalo?
Uchazwa yini kucedza buntfu?
Umsila wakho ucijele kakhul' e-Africa
Kulabany'ukhaliphe ncono.

Sal' usiyekela, sidziniwe nguwe,
Hamba ungaphindzi ubuye kitsi.
Usilahlele lokukhona ngalokungekho.
Phuma kulamanti emphilo
Nyoka ndzini!

Maswati Dlodlu

WAFWA WENA!

Ngiyashaya angidlali,
Ngiyabukluta ngiyabhaklata!
Ngiyavutfuta ngiyaganklata!
Ngikhobose utawubona,
Wafa wena!

Ngibatsetse labahle
Ngisho tibhalabane mine,
Bebasho batigcaja ngemphilo.
Wo! Anginantfombi-ke mine
Wafa wena!

Ngisho nalababi abasali,
Ngilekelelwa nguSathane lapho,
Nango abayenga atsi uyabatsandza,
Wo! Nabo bavuma! Ngadla mine!
Wafa wena!

Labancane-ke ngumsobho wami,
Ingani tsetsambile tingcondvo tabo.
Wachamuka Sathane, basangana baphetse
Sebavuma li-inhi, inhi. Ngadla mine!
Wafa wena!

Langengca khona kusala kubhedvukile,
Kepha ungatiphephisa Ngwane,
Yekela kufokota emeneni
Wehlulwa nguloko, wafa wena!
Libito lami ngingu AIDS.

Mkhari Zinhle

TJIYO TJIYO

Ngiyanchulanchula,
Ngiyanchunchutseka,
Ngifuna indzawo yekukhosela.
Wena lowabona emantjwele
Angcundzana kubu tjiyo tjiyo,
Silwane simtsetse unina.

Ngangitsi wentiwa kutsandza tindzaba,
Wahamba Lozindaba kwangatsi uyotsatsisa,
Akasabuyi umlobokati waketfu.
Wahamba Ncabaniso atsi usayohlola,
Sema sambuka ahamba,
Sinelitsemba leliphilisako.

Asendleleni ukhandze umcansa,
Kuncono kuwuhamba nalomunye.
Wabuka, wabuka,
Wema waphakamisa sandla wakhweba,
Wakhweba lephakatsile.
Wahamba Bukani atsi uyobuka sandla lesimkhwebako,

Ungibona la
Ungibone lapha.
Ngaze ngasala
Ngiyinhlwa lengenatinsiba,
Cola mphefumulo wami.

Sengcabaphi Dlamini



SENGIYALALA

Sengiko nje!

Sibongo sami lesi?

Yimisebenti yami le?

Kubonga ngiyabonga!

Kutikhandla!

Kutinikela!

Kutimisela!

Kutihudvula, noma kwala.

Ngitfunywe ngagijima.

Ngakhahlwa, ngangabibitseki.

Ngafunkhutwa, ngangakhali.

Wahleka, ngahleka.

Tindlebe tadvuma

Emehlo afiphala

Umlomo wageba.

Konkhe kwayekela.

Insindze yenyuka

“Isongeso”

Umbhalo ushito.

Imini lengali!

Kulala, se-ngi-ya-la-la.

Sakhile S. Mavuso

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NGULUPHI LOLUBHAMBO?

Ngitjele Ngwane
Nguluphi lolubhambo?
Lwa-Adam ngu-Eva
Nguluphi lwakho?

Bonkhe basemtsetfweni,
Kepha inhhlitiyo yinye.
Uyidzabula njani ubanetise,
Uyinyike nabondvuku,
Uyinyike saliwakati.
Ngitjele Ngwane
Nguluphi lolubhambo?

Bami ngekwemtsetfo.
Ngatishaya taphela,
Bahlaba ngesikhali phansi,
Bafelwa timbuti,
Bangena libalele,
Bami ngekwemtsetfo.

Lona litsambo, lematsambo ami,
Yinyama yenyama yami,
Lubhambo lwami.
Nguluphi lwakho
YeNgwane?

Wandzumuti Zwane

BHAMBO LWAMI

Kunini ngihlala ngingoma,
Kunini umcondvo ungyalukela,
Kunini inhlitiyo yami ibhakuta matima,
Kunini umemeta imifula netigodzi kuhokoma ngingakuva,
Kunini tintsaba tikuhacile, ngingakuboni,
Bhambo lwami lwamphetfwana.

Ngibute kubasiki belibundza, bangilandvulela,
Ngendlulela kubemanga, bangiyenga,
Emehlo agucuka ababovu sangati,
Litsemba langiphelela nya,
Nemsakato wehlulekile kukutfofa,
Sengibhalele nebemaphephandzaba kwaphela umsiti,
Umdali wakutjala kulelimnyama khwishi,
Bhambo lwami lwetimbambo.

Ngiphume ngalejubako ngekujaka,
“Indlala nembala idlisana emanyala,”
Ngamdvonsa hodvoba atihlalele,
Kungati nembala kufana nekungaboni,
Lubhambo ngeke kwaba yinsimbi,
Lubhambo ngeke kwaba lidada,
Lona lihehetela kubhidlike imiti yemadvodza,
Umcondvo wangisangulukela,
Bayitolo ngabutjokota ngingatsandzi,
Ngoba ngingakwati bhambo lwami.

Ngiphume ngato tonkhe tindlela,
Ngikufuna ngingalali,
Ngisitsela kuto tonkhe tinkhalo,
Ngitsi kumbe sitawuhlangana,
Kwaba ngumcansa kukutfofa,
Bhambo lwami lwemihla.

Ngaphambukela esiphambanweni,
Ngifuna lubhambo lwami, litseмба linginciphela,
Ngahlaba phansi ngelidvolo ngibuhlungu,
Lubhambo lwami lwalahleka, lwanyamalala,
Ngalukhandza ecadzi kwami lungilindzile,
Lwangesula tinyembeti kwaphela,
Lwangikhanyisela ngabona,
Lwangigojotisela ngesutsa,
Bengilahlekile sengitfolakele,
Lubhambo lwami lwamphetwana.

Leonard Mhlanga

HLAKANIPHA MFATI

Kutawuze kubenini sithula,
Kepha sibe sisha ngekhati?
Kutawuze kubenini,
Sihlukubeteka sithulile
Kepha tingcondvo tetfu tibe tilimala?

Labanengi betfu,
Sebalimele ingcondvo ngenca yekhlukubeteka.
Yebo labanye baseMentali
Bagula ngengcondvo,
Kepha solo sithulile,
Kutawuze kube nini?

Kutawuze kubenini bobabe .
Balala bantfwabetfu sithulile
Sitsi tibi tendlu?

Kutawuze kube nini sithulile
Batsatsa wonkhe umholo wetfu
Bawudle netincanakazana sithulile?

Kutawuze kubenini sithulile
Sitsatse imali yetfu sitsenge timoto,
Lesingatigibeli?
Ingani tigitjelwa ngubabe nesincanakazana,
Kepha ibe ibhadalwa nguwe,
Kutawuze kube nini?

Sitsi sihlalele bantfwana
Sibesihleti etikwelilahle lelivutsako.
Bantfwana bakhule babuka
Khlukubeteka kwetfu,
Bafunge bagomele
Batsi angeke bendze.

Bantswana bakho nabo babe
Bahlukubeti ngoba babonile
Bobabe basihlukubeta.
Kutawuze kube nini?

Umcamelo onkhe malanga
Ulala umanti kucabanga lokungapheli,
'Ngitambhadala ngani *Shylock*?'
Bantswana batawudlani?
Kuze kuse make acabanga
Imicabango lengapheli,
Lete timphendvulo,
Kutawuze kubenini?

Hlakanipha mfati utimele,
Likusasa lakho lichakazile,
Tetsembe utati kutsi umcoka.

Fikile Mnisi

A MFATI

mfati kusile,
usebente ishayile,
lokubaselele,
ele wena utilungiselele.

naka atibuyisane nawe,
ukhu tehlisane nawe,
kushiya titaze tikwengce,
ele kanye nato,
kuvuka uvukele.

labavunywa ngumhlaba,
ba lofana newabo,
hudza, bayekele njalo,
uze bakubambelele bayekele,
umuza phela labo.

uvuka babute lokunyenti.
e siSwati labangasati,
e kuwe bona babanikati
e kepha bangabati,
uvuka uphangise.

buta sicholo lesingekho,
ute bona bamanyatela,
ute bona banganatihlutfu,
ute sidwaba usangane,
ute ngobe kutishayamtsetfo.

ala ngetimvu ebaleni,
i tabogogo tatiba sebaleni,
e ngesidwaba babhulukele,
lwe live lelitfutfukako,
ke ngakuba lunhala

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Liduku lemlungu labasita,
BuSwati banamatsela kulo,
Bayekela kuhlala kubo,
Umvunulo lesebangawati kwabona,
Liduku kepha balatisisa.

Utsini? Angikuva kahle?
Buhle bemfati bufihlwe?
Angani bagogo busebaleni,
Utsi sicholo asibotfotwe?
Ngumkosongo ngobe akanasicamelo.
Sicamelo lesakhiwa yindvodza.

Cha wena weKunene,
Ayibe yincaṅe iphele,
Ticholo atibuyise tihlutfu,
Liduku libuyise emacansi,
Bufati bubuyise budvodza,
Budvodza lobutawuta nebuSwati.

Vuka mfati ungalali,
Somadili yena uyabukela,
Inhlitiyo iyafana kuye,
Ayidvodzi ayifati iyafana,
Lemhlaba alikho liphakadze,
Vuka mfati uphangise,
Somadili Yena ukulindzele.

Sisana R. Dlamini

NGIHLUSHWA YINDVODZA

Awu, Nkhosi,
Litsemba lekuba ngumfati.
Ngibe yimbutfuma, ngiwugcishate ekhakhami,
Litsemba lekugona, ngimunyise, ngifinyise, ngiphipe,
Hhawu, tigendzevana talabanye bafati,
Sekugeza simongo kushiye siphundvu, kujake esikolweni.
Kimi seloku kwahlala litsemba kuphela,
Imphilo yemuka nendvodza yami,
Kwasala litsemba lilunguta esikhaleni selufa.
Lufa lwekuklayeka kwemhlabatsi ngetulu,
Ngaphansi kubindze lesikhulukati sigadla sabhatata,
Kumbe-ke lidvumile ngayitolo,
Kutawubhubuka likhowe kuleyo ndzawo.

Mine indvodza nginayo, kodvwa anginayo,
Anginayo ngoba angiyati,
Ibuya ekhatsi nekhatsi kwebusuku,
Sikhiya kubengumzukuluzuku kungena emnyango,
Nase igcine yangena,
Embhedzeni iyawungena ngisho neticatfulo imbala,
Kumbe-ke kube kudze kakhulu kwekhwela embhedzeni
Ivele ilale phansi kwawo umbhedze.

Ingabe ngitawushonaphi Nkosi yami!
Loku indvodza ngiyo phela iNkhosi yami.
Nebachachi betinkinga abanayo imiyalo yemadvodza,
Bati umtsetfo wesiSwati kuphela,
Ibe imindeni nalabadzala betfu bangekho la.
Kepha iminyaka yami yona seyihambile,
Tinyonga setitawutsandza kuhlangana.
Abawunaki locondzene nemasu ekuncoba tjwala,
Ingani bonkhe phela bangemadvodza,
Bayadla, likhulu labo.

Glory Mamba

TIBONGO TEMNUMZANE

Indlovu leyesabeka inyatsela,
Indlovu leyesabeka ngesitfunti,
Indlovu letanasa kumatsafa ngesibindzi,
Uyabusa uyatanasa uyindlovu.

Insika yelikhaya lilonkhe,
Insika yelikhaya nome iyendzetela,
Insika yelikhaya nome seyisekelwa,
Isimise likhaya lonkhe.

Mabusa emhlabeni kuphela,
Ezulwini ulingane nalabangasilutfo,
Tento takho takubeka,
NeliBhayibheli lakubeka inkhosi.

Manumuza kukhanya kumnyama,
Kuvela kudla ngisho ibhokile,
Lokumnandzi kungene kuwakho,
Bantfwana bamunye titfupha.

Bhubezi lelibhodla kuvakale,
Ubhodle kwakhala umfati,
Wabhodla kwakhala bantfwana,
Bakuva ubhavumula Bhubezi.

Matfumbetfumbe kwenyalitsi yekutfunga,
Longamtsandzi akagcoki siketi,
Longati acabange ucinisile,
Lowatiko asho ulicili.

Inshubaba leyengca letinye,
Batsi "Babe" ivele ibabe.
Ngetento kanye nangenhlitiyo,
Utfumbelete silwane selive.

sekufe umfati,
la washiya tinhlakane,
eleta silwane kukubi,
ucedvwa Babe.

Sisana R. Dlamini

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NGIMBONILE

Ngicinisile ngimbonile,
Ngiyafunga ngiyagomela ngimbonile,
Ngingabona babe! Ngimbonile.

Besihleti endzaweni yetfu sodvwa,
Sihleti phansi kwemtfunti,
Phansi kwesihlahla semnyamatsi,
Sihleti etikwelugodvo lwamangololo.

Sisuke lapho sashona esitibeni,
Belikhipha inhlanti emantini,
Wafike wangena wangidvonsa ngangena,
Ngangena ngingesabi lutfo,
Bekumnandzi sidlala tingwenya.

Luhleko belusha etulu,
Ngishaya lidamu, ngintjweza
Besekutsi angindize ngiye ezulwini,
Ezulwini letfu sodvwa,
Nami ngiyohlala khona,
Kulenjabulo yetfu lengapheli,
Inkhumbulo injalo nje.

Sengcabaphi Dlamini

NGIYESABA

Ufike ngasangana ngaphetsa,
Ngahungeka, ngakulandzela,
Ngagucuka ngabangumntfwana,
Ngakhasela etiko ngingesabi.

Ngash' emalangabi, ngangapheli,
Ngangenisisa etiko ngingeva nekuva,
Wabets'emagwabha ngebulima bami,
Bulima lobungetwa ngumtwebeba.

Ungihehe ngeluju lwetinyosi,
Lwehl' emphinjeni, ngahishwa.
Ngahishwa nganganakwa ngumuntfu,
Nawe wangibuka lubala.

Bengingati, kepha sengifundzile,
Sengiyesaba manje.

Wandzumuti Zwane

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LUBUMBA

Lubumba lolubumbako luyabumbeka,
Lusemanti luyakuvumela, lubumbe.
Luvumela takho tandla, lugandzaye,
Emandla ekubumbeka akuwe.

Umbumbi ulugandzaya lucolisakale,
Ulugandzaya lute luvume takhe tandla.
Akadzinwa noma lugcwele ematje,
Uhlunga ematje kusale lolungilo.
Lubumbe nawe mbumbi nebabumbi.

Tinike sikhatsi ungadzinwa,
Lunike emanti naluwadzinga.
Lubumbe kuphume lokuhlosile ngalo.
Batsengi balufuna lucolisakele.

Lolubunjwe ngebunono lukhokha lunwali,
Nawutinike sikhatsi kuphuma bocwephesha,
Nawutinike sikhatsi kuphuma tingcweti.
Tiphatsimandla tibunjwe nguwe mbumbi.
Umsebenti wakho mkhulu, sandla lesingadzinwa.

Nerville Johnson

NGINGUMUNTFU NAMI

Injongo kutingelwa ngibulawe.
Kuhle kwenyamatane,
Ngigijima busuku nemini ngibaleka,
Ngihamba ngetfuka tanya.
Ebusuku ngilala benyoni,
Ngikhishwa nasetindlini
Ngifela kukhubateka kwesikhumba,
Batsakatsi bagiya ngaleyo njobo.

Imiphefumulo yalabanjengami,
Nematsambo kugcwele etihosheni,
Inyama yami ingumkhunsu etindumbeni.
Ngikhona lamuhla, angati kusasa,
Saphela ngemajabhane!
Emajabhane layengwa batsakatsi,
Batsi sikhumba sami sinenhlanhla,
Ibe inhlanhla isekutimiseleni.

Majabhane ndzini! Ngicoleleni bo!
Kadze kwasa niyenga bantfu,
Nitsi anginalithuna.
Lingagujwelani lithuna,
Ematsambo ami alahlwa etintsabeni?
Tititike tinja tesiganga,
Tidle tishaye sentfwala.

Kufa yindalo kutawufika nakimi.
Ngifuna lami lithuna,
Titfo tami tifhlwe tonkhe,
Tidliwe ngumhlabatsi ngenhlonipho.
Umhlaba wati kutsi,
Nalokhubateke sikhumba
Unalo lithuna, akanyamalali.
Akanyamalali ngoba naye angumuntfu.

Ngicela lelisha ligama,
Ngicela ligama lelinginika litsemba,
Babulali banginika lenyamatane.
Ngiphe ligama lelinelutsandvo,
Lokungenani ngibite ngaMhloshana,
Uma ungalati lamake,
Angisiyo inyamatane!
Inkawu yinyamatane.
Ngingumuntfu, ngemukeleni.

Fikile G. Mnisi

KUYAWUTE KUBE NINI?

Sive sakitsi kuyawute kube nini?
Ngunini lapho niyawungetayela khona?
Nifundze kutsi nami ngingumuntfu.
Ngehlukile kepha ngingumuntfu.

Emehlo avalekile, kepha ngiyabona.
Lulwimi lushwaphene, kepha ngiyachumanisa.
Tindlebe tivalekile kepha ngiyacondza.
Sive sakitsi kuyawute kube nini ningecwaya?

Ngifuna litfuba lekufundza ngiphase,
Ngifuna kusebenta ngititfutukise.
Ngwane nginake, neyami iyadzinga kutfutuka,
Ngwane nginake njengobe unaka labanye.

Lalela liphimbo lami ngintjilota,
Lalela tinkondlo ngitigambuta,
Yeka imidwebo nemibhalo lengiyentile,
Yeka licansi lengileluke ngebunono.
Emakhono nami nginawo.

Ngiphe litfuba lekutsandza ngitsandvwe,
Ngiphe litfuba lekwakha likhaya,
Ngifuna litfuba lekukhulisa bantfwana.
Kubanje sabelo sami, tengakuntjintja.

Kahle kungihlukubeta, nami angikutsandzi,
Kahle kungemuka kwami, vele anginamandla
Ngihloniphe nami ngiyakutsandza,
Ngibuke, ungangishalатели nami ngingumuntfu.

Kutsi ngehlukile akusiso sono samuntfu,
Kutsi ngehlukile akusho lishwa kunomangubani.
Njengabo bonkhe, nami ngisibuko lesivela kuMdali,
Emalunga lengiweswele ngiyakuwatfola kulelitako.

Sakhile S. Mavuso

Phoza

EMEHLO ENGCONDVO

Ngibuka ngibona lokunyenti
Ngemehlo ami engcondvo,
Ngibona indlela ngihambe,
Ngibekelele ngifike ekhaya,
Njengabontsanga yetfu.

Ngitibonile tintsaba nemawa,
Ngiyamati Malagwane ngambona,
Ngijake eMbabane ibhasi yema,
Yanconganga ngemsila yakhuphuka.

Ngemehlo engcondvo ngabona
Imifula nemifulakati.
Ngesaba tingwenya takho
Lusutfu nawe Mbuluzi.

Ngibona Mdzimba neMbilaneni,
Uyetsaba nobe uyenyanya
Lokwetfwala lamatsambokati
Lengingete ngawagagula?

Ngibona tilwane tasendle,
Ngive tigi tendlovu,
Sitfunti selibhubezi nengwe,
Kwasikitela tinwele tami.

Lilanga lakitsi lihle,
Lotsiwa ngemajaha akitsi,
Nami ngisho ngitsi 'Bayethe,'
Limamatseke, sajabula,
Sajabula netintsandzane.

Ngemehlo engcondvo ngibona
Bonkhe bakitsi labalala,
Nangifika kubo kuyobe
Kuphelile kuba yimphumphutse.
Ngibabone ngemehlo kamoya.

YE LOKUTHULA!

Umuhle utsandzeka kuwonkhe wonkhe.
Wonkhe uvule tandla, utsi ngena.
Uyinyama madzabu uyadzatjulwa,
Akunajaha lingakufuni
Akunakhaya lingakulangateleli,
Sive sonkhe sikhala ngawe,
Umhlaba wonkhe usha ngawe,
Sondzela Lokuthula uyadzingeka.

Uyenge labanyenti batsi sebakutfolile,
Wabalahlekela sebakubambe ngatotimbili.
Timfihlo takho tinyenti Lokuthula.
Bacinisile, sitiba lesithulile siyashona.
Phuma sikuteke Lokuthula,
Siyakutsandza futsi siyakudzinga.

Uyimfihlo lengaphumeli ebaleni,
Uhlule umhlaba uhlangene,
Nandvulo wawehlulekisa Lokuthula,
Unemgogodla, awufuni batentisi.
Lokutfolako ngulote liphango,
Liphango likugcwalisa emahlatsi.
Buya Lokuthula, uyafuneka ekhaya.

KaMakhelwane bakhala ngawe,
Ngesheya balila ngawe,
Enhla nentansi bayakutfungatsa,
Bakhombe indlela leya kini Lokuthula,
Bayokukha Mbali yemhlaba,
Emakha akho analemihle imitselela.

Uphunyuke kuboPhesheya sibetsembile,
Waphunyuka kubo Africa bakutekile,
Waphunyuka, phunyuka bemphethe
Behluleka bonkhe kuphuma nelikhambi,

.Likhambi lelitakugcina unomphela.
Utfolakala njani ye Lokuthula?
Utfolakala kuphi vele?
EMphumalanga awutfolakali,
ENshonalanga awukho,
ENingizimu neNyakatf' abakwati,
Kukuphi kini kani yeLokuthula?

BoSolwati bemhlaba ubaphicile,
BoThembela bahlulekile kukusondzeta.
Nabakusondzeta bayakucosha Lokuthula.
Abanalo likhambi lekukubamba,
Kepha bumcoka bakho ababulibali.
Sewubeva bakubita "yeLoKuthola!"
Umhlaba ukhala letimatfonsi
Ngawe yeLokuthula.

Wandzumuti Zwane

NGIVELE YEMSHUSHUMBISI

Umtimba wami wadvubuteka, awupheleli,
Ngikhala angikhawuli inhlitiyo idzabukile,
Emehlo agobhota emabhudlo,
Akudleki, litfumbu seliyahlangana.
Akulaleki, butfongo buyabaleka.
Njengesikhukhukati ngifukamele lite.
Ngadlelwa,inja yadla injabulo yami,
Injabulo lekuphela kwayo,
Mlandze yeMshushumbisi ngingakafi.

Ngasala ngigoce tandla ngimeme imbeleko.
Litsemba lekubuya kwakhe alipheli,
Solo ngigolotela elukhalweni ngetsembile.
Ushushumbise likhaya lami sengilibona,
Washushumbisa ligcabho lami,
Buyisa umntfwanami atewungakhela.
Sale ungivela yemshushumbisi,
Umlandze umntfwanami ngingakafi.

Wacala kushushumbisa wena lucobo,
Ucalate, ugaluje tindaladi neluthaka,
Ufike emaveni ushintje ube yingulube,
Washushumbisa insangu,
Ashintja emehlo ebantfwabetfu abayingati,
Talahleka tingcondvo, babanesibindzi,
Bacala bagaluja tindaladi njengawe,
Yavutfwa indlela enhla nentansi.

Setikwehlule ngani tidzakamiva?
Ubone kutsi usebentela emuva njengenkukhu!
Ubone kutsi awulali utfuka tanya?
Usaba bashushumbisi labanjengawe?
Mali muni lona lodliwa kuhokoma sililo?
Tinyembeti tebafati bagone timbeleko,
Tinyembeti letingeke tiwele phansi.

YeMtsengisi lotsengisa tibusiso tetfu,
Utsengise sibusiso, watsatsa sicalekiso.
Ubulele live, waphambanisa emakhono.
Bodokotela balima ummbila emapulazini,
Bonjinyela balima timbal' emajalidini,
Bomake labacotfo batsengisa umtimba,
Yingci nakungene imali kulakho likhikhi.
Sekwanele yeMshushumbisi.

Buyisa umntfwanami yeMshushumbisi,
Noma ngabe sewaba matsambo lamhlophe,
Ngiyakholwa ngingambona sewafa.
Ngitsatse ematsanjana akhe tigwecana,
Ngibambe lubhojozi lwenhlokwana,
Ngiwaphutsele ngiwendlulisele kubakubo.
Ngetsemba sikhatsi ngoba siyelapha,
Siyongiphotiphotisa sembatse buhlungu bami,
Nebutfongo bufikafike, kuphele kucuba
Ngoba ngiyobe senginalo lwati,
Lwati lebengiludzinga lubuhlungu.

Ngiphupha umletsa aphila umfana wami,
Noma emadvolo ami asagugiswe lusizi
Ngiyawusukuma ngimhlangabete,
Ngililitele, ngihlabele, ngimthulise,
Ngimlolotele ngemlolotelo webuswane bakhe,
Ngibite emajaha atogiya acethuke,
Ashaye tinkwela tenjabulo, kush' ingadla,
Ngiyawubese ngihaya lensha inkondlo,
Ngisho ngitsi 'wate wangivela yeMshushumbisi.'

VALELISA SIHLOBO SEKWENELE

Watseleka ekuseni singakateleli,
Sakungenisa sitsakase sifile,
Sakuphatsa ngetandla tetfu totimbili,
Mhlobo wetfu usikhumbulile.

Sadzidzitela sikutatamis' enhla nentansi,
Sapheka buhaba bobholotsi netibondlo,
Tinkhukhu tibhubukati sabhubuta watanasa,
Kumnandzi kunjeya, kusha tinhleko.

Kwasa kwahlwa kwaphindza kanjalo,
Sahlaba mbutana solo sikushibisa,
Sikhipha likhono esivakashini,
Kumnandzi kunjeya, usitsakutisa.

Lasombuluka lisontfo kwabuya lelinye,
Wenaba tfwi! Kwabuya indlelo,
Sabebatse sibukile kutsi mantulwa uyavutfwa
Nani sihlobo kuvalelisa.

Kutsi ute ngaliphi akucaci kahle,
Usivakashela, mhlobo wetfu kuhle,
Mkhula wagogo, mzala wamalume,
Kusa lishone utfutfuka nesicelu.
Ufike sikukhanuka kepha sekwenele,
Lihhoko lishay' umoya sesibamba nemiphaphane,
Mantulwa kuvutfwa, ungabona liso lesibungu,
Sikunakekele tsine, valelisa sihlobo sekwenele.

Cynthia Hlophe

FAKHA NDE

MALAGWANE

Bugwimbegwimbe baMalagwane,
Magwabhagwabha lagwedla kuMalagwane,
Khokho wakho ngumbulali,
Lufuto lolubi,
Futo lwekubulala,
Malagwane tsemba lekufa.

Silwela intfutfuko uyaphikisa,
Silwela bendlunkhulu uyaphikisa,
Silwa nesikhatsi uyaphikisa,
Ulihlohlela ekhatsi Malagwane
Lapho ubutwa uphendvula ngekubulala,
Malagwane tsemba lekufa.

Basuka kahle bavalelise,
Basho bangati, ababuyi,
Behle ngekumamatseka kwantsambama,
Basho bafika kuwe tsemba lekufa,
Befika entsabeni lemnandzi,
Behle kanjalo njengenhlayenta,
Bak'dvumisa ngeluvivi lwetinkwela,
Bak'bona ulizinyane lek'udlalela.

Lapho sebatsi bayak'shiya,
Lapho sebajika nawe kwek'gcina,
Wase uyababita,
Wababuta beswela timphendvulo, seyicaphutela.
Kwaba sililo eveni,
Kwandza kuhlupheka eveni,
Kwalila tihlobo nebangani ngekulahlekelwa.

Wase uyahlekelela Malagwane,
Wasula umlomo watenta lomsulwa,
Wanyamalala kwasolwa bashayeli,
Wavika ngesimo selitulu.

Khokha liciniso Malagwane,
Iyaphi yonkhe lemiphefumulo,
Utfunywe ngubani lona longeneli.
Magwabhagwabha ekufa,
Malagwane tsemba lekufa.

Alex Lushaba

PHONA NDE

BUHLE BAKHO NGWANE

Ngime etulu esicongweni
Sentsaba yakitsi lendze Lucolo,
Lapho eMalangeni agoba khona emadvolo,
Ngiyacalata bucalu nabucadlwana,
Ngibuka tigodzi nemagcuma onkhana,
Ekuseni nalitsi chaphasha etintsabeni,
Libuya lesutsi kuyoncembuta kunina.

Ngekwesaba inhlavu yalo lilanga,
Ngihlephula kancane imphumalanga,
KulakaMamba kulela laMaja LiBhunu,
Ngeba kancane iNgudze kaMagubudzela,
Legebhutele ngengubo leluhlata cwe,
Likhaba lembbila, lelicubula silwane.
Inala itawuncincilitwa kudzilike tinyango!

Ngesheya kulakaNkhomonye kuMbhekwa,
Umfudlana Phongolwane untjilota ingoma
Lemnandzi utfunga uphotisa uMbelebele,
Nkhomonye bahlalelene naNzameya,
Uyotiphosa emfuleni iNtjanini,
Lesisu simabakla silutfwasahlana,
Ngekugolela tihosha netihoshana.

LelakaMtfonga lenebe litse tfwi,
Linatsa Madevu, lehlise ngeNtimbe.
Buhle betiganga ubamba longephansi.
Tonkhe tembetse ingubo lentofotelako,
Kulinywe uva ngelikhuba libetsa lelinye,
Lukhula nalo alukatibeki phansi luyabahlola
Lulunguta ngetikhala temaguma emadladleni.

Kulawula mshiyalowa bakhaphelwana lijokojoko,
Kubhama tinswebhu, tinkwela buviyoviyo,
Ubona ngelutfuli etindleleni tonkhana,
Lushulungana luyokwanga sibhakabhaka.
Bachuba imihlambi nemihlanjanyana,
Ematfole ahambe ancembuta kubonina bume.
Edibhini imihlambi idedelana eshokeni.

Boshimela emakhaya limpolimpoli,
Bakhafula tinkhatsa letimphunga.
Bomake emadladleni imidokwe bayagojotisa.
Etingadzeni kuluhlata klabo,
Bobabe bachwandzela bantfwana umshibo,
Tibhodvo letiletsa imphilolephilo,
Tiletse nazuka kuloyo lotsengisako.

Lihle live lichitsa sikhatsi.
Tinyoni telitulu nato tiyananatela,
Tisho ngengoma ticotfocotfoma nemitfola,
Tikopolota manafu tiloshela emanyamane,
Tifulela tidleke etulu kwelenyoni.
Umliba loya embili ufuneka ngemandla.
Lihle live, lichitsa sikhatsi.

Angehle yebabe, insimbi yekucal' iyalila,
Ibita bantfwana besikolo ligelegele,
Kubo ishayile insimbi lengapholoti.
Buhle bakho Ngwane buyangitsatsekisa.
Buhambisa ingcondvo, buyayidzakisa,
Bugwinyisana ematse, buyanotfotela.
Buphumuta ingcondvo, buyayinotsisa.

Cynthia Hlophe

MBULUZI LEMNYAMA

Gobhota tinyembeti teMdali,
Gobhota mphefumulo wemaSwati,
Gubhutela sitimela sakuHawane,
Dzabula emakhangala ulibangise emphumalanga,
Wondle tintsengu nemalunga,
Gobhota nsika yelive
Sikhatsi siyakuvumela.

Vula emahlatsi ukhalakashele,
Nyatsela emadvwala wewele,
Inkushi iyashelela uyati,
Tombeletela ungajaki,
Lemfisha iya ekufeni uyati,
Gobhota Mbuluzi lemnyama.

Tintsetse tigole, kufanele,
Emadvwala wavukule, kulungile,
Tichomoketi netichwanguchwangu tsatsa ubeke,
Live liyengcayelwa tiyati,
Imihlanga uyimise ngemumo,
Vala tindlela letingekho emtsetfweni wakho
Kubuse intsandvo yakho Mbuluzi.

Yondla sive saSomhlolo sesutse,
Yondla boMdzelwa naboDzeliwe,
Yondla boTsakasile naboHluphekile,
Yondla emahhashi netimbongolo,
Yondla emakholwa nemahedeni,

Lalela likholasi laboncedze ecadzini,
Vusetela ingoma ekhabosicoco,
Kudvunyiswe imisebenti yakho Mbuluzi,
Yondla tingwenya taseMnjoli,
Natsisa Simunye kuphelele,
Gobhota ungaphumuli Mbuluz' emnyama.

Leonard Mhlanga

PAMBAVO

LAMUHLA KUYONAKALA

Ngangimuhle ngimangalisa,
Ngembetse kahle ngikhitsika,
Ngigezile ngesulekile,
Ngiyintsandvokati ngitsandzeka.

Wangincanela kancane kancane,
Wangikhumula tembatfo tami ngasinye,
Ngasala ngihleti ngigoce tandla.
Ngasala ebaleni ngibhushuta.

Kwaba tigcokwana tami tetfulwa,
Kwaba jezana lami, ngemukwa hlwi!
Emakhata atishushudzela,
Litulu seliyatentela nje mathanda.

Sengifana nenkhomati yephusile
Angisakhoni nekukhicitla.
Bantfu balima bangabuyi nalutfo etsafeni,
Ngekunginukubeta kwakho unganginaki.

Labangibuka ngemagogosi
Batsi sambulelo sami sesimbobombobo,
Lichwa lami etintsabeni lincibilikile.
Konkhe kwami kuyabhedza.

Sengembatsa buwashahwasha
Emapulasitiki langcolile,
Nginatsiswa boshevu
Labafucuka emafemini.

Emehlweni sengaba lutfuli,
Boshimela bangikhafulela mihla le
Ngetinkhatsa tabo letimphunga.
Vele kwami sekuphelile.

Sukuma muntfu webantfu,
Lamula kunasi simo.
Kufa kwami kufa kwakho.
Lamula unginakekele, lamula kuyonakala.
Umbuto lomatima ume umile.
Unalo yini lihambelo?
Unaso yini lesinye siphephelo?
Unawo yini lomunye umhlaba?

Cynthia Hlophe

Phomela

TIPHUMA IMPHUNGA

Watikhipha mfana,
Watikhipha kuseluvivi,
Titabuutfola ngelulwimi, bubutsile
Liyotsi liphuma lilanga, emaphango agcwele
Lapho tinsengwakati setibubula nemtsamo,
Tikhumbule ematfole ekhaya,
Tipholo setitjekele emaceleni lubisi.

Emuva ekhaya ayakhala emankhonyane
Akhumbule bonina.
Liyakhuphuka lilanga.
Kukhala tilo ematfoleni.
Bafana balungisa tintsambo nemicenge,
Bavalela emaguca, funa kwephuke lucwephe.

Tayibuya imphunga.
Embili tidvonswa tigcala netinsengwakati,
Atikavali emlonyeni,
Tiyamemeta, timemeta bantfwabato.
Ticondza esangweni,
Tikhandza tingula nemicenge kuklelile,
Kukhamisele lubisi.

Wesuka umsebenti!
Uvani umfana amemeta,
“Nikela!”
Chamu litfole!
Umcenge tiwushaya etulu tinsengwakati.
Tigcala butjapitjapi, awugcwali.

Ucedza kusenga ugcwalisa tingula.
Nango agalela emakwili aya enkhundleni;
Uyabuya utokudla emasi lavutjiwe.
Udla nje akavali emlonyeni;
Yelobhalaza!
Wentelani!
Kubamnandzi!
Kants'umhlophe!
Mphimbo vuleka nakufik'ulobhalaza!

N. P. Dlamini

PAMANI

KUHLWILE

Tinkhomo setivalelwe esibayeni,
Ematfole netimbuti sekuyacoca,
Tasemakhuleni timnandzi,
Mesundvu sewuyabhonsa, umangele
“Emasela ebe umntfwanami”
Bafana bachweba tingcudlwana,
Tisu titawuba bovu kusasa,
Kuhlwile sibili.

Bantfwana bayahlabelela, bajabulile.
Kuyagidvwa, kuyacoshwana,
Kudlalwa bombombela nabokulu,
Badvumisa kuphuma kwenyeni.
Tinkhanyeti sebusiwane,
Tandla teMdali setigcebile,
Kuhlwile.

Tintsenetja setiphume ngato tonkhe tinkhalo,
Tinyekevu setishaya emakhwapha,
Nemidlonja seyilicalile liculo, liyevakala,
Tinyoka setiyahaza,
Tinhlwa setiyaphetfuka,
Konkhe kudvumisa kwendlula kwelusuku.
Belikhipha umkhovu etjeni,
Selitilahle kunina, lasitsela,
Sekuhlwile.

Imvelo seyiphendvuk' iyesabeka,
Umfundisi sewukhumule khololo,
Lomakholwa senguLobatsakatsi,
BoMdzelwa naboDzeliwe sekumatima,
Timpfisi tihuhhula tihuhhulile,
Tinja setishaya umkhulungwane,
Liphumile, lakhula, lababantfubahle,
Sekuhlwile.

Tingoti setidlangile ngaphandle,
Indvwangu seyiwile kaLaGwebu,
Endleleni sekubhakuta emalahle,
Emabombo abheke emakhaya,
Bakasidlodlo sebasakakile,
Bonhloko kayivutfwa seyishayile,
Sekuhlwile.

Leonard Mhlanga

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NGANGIMUSHA NAMI

Ngatanasa ngebusha bami,
Ngitanasa ngingatisoli ndzawo,
Ngiyintfombi yaketfu ngigcishatela kudzela sibukeli,
Ngimanyatela ngikhang'emeхло,
Emehlo lebekangigolotela ngite ngiyositsela.

Lalela ngikutekele!
Timoto betima ngingakatimisi,
Ngisho ngitiv' etulu,
Emajah'angibanga sincane senyama,
Emajah'asanganiswa busha bami,
Emajah'angipha siwehle semali.

Alutsenge-ke kanjalo lutsandvo lwami,
Lutsengwa yimali leyangidida ngadideka,
Ngadideka ngagana wonkhe lowangisoma ngemali,
Ngasivula sibaya sababe ngekukhululeka,
Ngikhululekile ngipha wena phela, wena hhuhu,
Lobekalamba silambanjani bekefik' esutse,
Lowomile bekefik'anats'akholwe.

Bebafukutsa benele beneliswa ligugu lami,
Lami ligugu lagucuk' ingungu yetilambi,
Tilambi tatapa sancoti tinganceneki,
Kunceneka kwacedvwa yimbhadalo yemali,
Bengingati loku nyalo sengiyati,
Sengiyati kutsi ngadlala ngelikhuba kutiliwe,
Ngabuna ngahhohloka njengembali,
Ngaba ngemashwayi ngashwayitela,
Ngangimusha nami ntfombatana.

Thabile Magagula

TINYONI TELIZULU

Timnyama tinguZulu.
Timnyama tiyi-Africa,
Teludvumo tihloliwe, telikhetselo,
Timaphiko labanti,
Timaphiko lamatima.

Bahlab'umkhosi bomakhelwane,
Taphutfuma tandiza tandiza,
Tahlala phansi kulemaSwati,
Babhul'emahawu batitjotjotela,
Tavum'ingoma tayisukela,
Tagidza tema, tashiyelana,
Nguleyo isho ngeliphimbo layo,
Kwadvum'emahawu balilitela.

Kwabonga Ngwane ngalinye livi,
Ndabezitha! Mageba! Kwahlokom'inkhundla,
Mkhwanazi! Nkwaliyenkhozi! Kwadvuma lihawu,
Mphemba! Mbhele! Kwadvuma lihawu,
Thabizolo! Nonkhosi! Liphindze ladvuma,
Zulu lomnyama londlela timhlophe!

Maphiko labanti nigodlile,
Nigodle ligugu nebhle besive,
Maphiko lamatima nimumetse,
Nimumetse kuthula nentfutfuko,
Maphiko labanti nongile,
Nong'imicondvo nelubhaca lwesive,
Maphiko lamatima ningumsamo,
Ningumgibe wesive sonkhana.

FAKILE

Tinyoni teliZulu,
Temphefumulo nekukhanya,
Tinebucotfo tizotsile,
Tindizela phansi,
Tindizel'etulu.

TeliZulu ngebumbongi nebunono,
Tiyasikhuphula ngebungcweti,
Tisibeke esibhakabhakeni siphole,
Tisehlise ngebunono sesidzelile,
Tisibek'emhlabeni ngesizotsa.

Yehheni! Lisakhile kaZulu,
Asishiyelane ligwayi njalonjalo,
Nabu-ke buntfu impela bulungile.

Matiwane Manana

ABOLA EMATFUMBU YEHHENI!

Abola ematfumbu yehheni!
Abola kwantjuntjeka injeje.
Injeje intjuntjeka intjuntjwa yini?
Hhawu lesu sisu lesawatfwala!
Hhawu leyongungu beyitsi ilondvolote sancoti,
Sancoti lesiyokondla situkulwane lesitako.

Matfumbu! Kepha wakhelene naphambukane.
Phambukane lokuphambukisa ungafuni.
Njengemphumputse ushona lapho udvonselwa khona,
Awunatincumo lotitsatsela tona.
Uhudvulelwa eludzakeni ungafuni.
Abola ematfumbu yehheni!

Matfumbu! Kepha wakhelene nenyongo.
Teluleko utsi yinyongo,
Inyongo lenesibindzi eceleni.
Sibindzi sakho siyetfusa,
Singumashayabhuce kwendlula sengwenya.
Weva indzaba uvutse'malangabi.
Kugwinya liphilisi akutindzaba talutfo.
Kwami sekubhodlela emswaneni.
Hha yehheni! Abola ematfumbu abolisisa.

Lindiwe Sikhondze

EMATFUMBU

Abolisisa

NGIYEKELE

Awungiyekele kadze ucota imphilo yami,
Ulandzelana nami imini nebusuku,
Ungitjela ngemaphupho emphilo latawufezeka buhlala,
Vele ungivimbelelani ngiphokophele esicongweni?
Ungetsembisa emanoni emhlaba lengitawutfofa bulala,
Nyalo ngikucilikile, ngitakutinta, ngikubalekele.

Udzingwa ngubani vele wena ucosha wonkhewonkhe nje?
Labalalele emaphupho akho baphuphile,
Lababalekele emaphupho akho baphokophele esicongweni,
Labadle emanoni akho banonelwe yinhlitiyo,
Labawakhafulile akho baphumelele,
Ngiyekele-ke nami ngitophokophela ngiphumelele.

Hlukana nami tidze tiganga tiyangibita,
Langiyakhona awudzingeki, ngiyekele.
Lamakolishi emele mine, alikho lakho ligama,
Lowomuti wakusasa uyokwakhiwa ngimi ungekho wena
Lowammango uyotfufukiswa ngimi awudzingeki wena,
Lababantfu batawuhlala nami abakwati wena.

Kute sikolwa lesidzinga wena vocondzini,
Kute likolishi lelikwatiko wena mtfolokoco,
Kute likhaya lelingavuma wena ncitsamuti,
Kute ummango longahlalisana nawe yehhe,
Kute bantfu lababhadlile labangakha nawe bungani nyoka,
Kute yakho indzawo la! Hamba kalasha kini naboNtfofa.

J.N. Makhanya

NO

bhansi,

emehlo.

b.

dzane,

a, ukhalela tiganga.

ya, lusukile lutfuli!

akho.

ziphandela,

humelela,

?

yelane,

ungesilo libutfo lakaZulu.

umsila ngekulayetela.

ubani-ke wena?

myself and God for us all"

a ngawe.

ukhone.

yatigcibedzela,

wo mfula utihlalele.

mshiya lowa!

dzingeki tikebhe.

je utawubona.

mphilo.

SAWUBONA

habiso

Ayobe engcile ematfuba,
Siphelile sikhatsi nendzawo seyingasavumelani,
Simo sesetiyile, sekukhuluma imisebenti.
Ngako ncono ulikhokhe nyalo nalelakho,
Emafu angakabuyeli emva kwemvula,
Tincwadzi tingakavalwa.

Utawuvaleleka ngephandle,
Mus' undzindz' etigangeni,
Awunasizatfu, awunatilawulela.
Khokha likhono lisetawusebenta.
Batawulisebentisa labanelikhono.
Phela labanye banelikhono lekusebenta,
Labanye banelikhono lekusebentisa.
Khokha lakho nawe umsebent' uy' embili.

Thobile Dortia-Bhembe

WASA LOKUNGALI

kikilikigi! Kikilikigi!
Lasho likhala lichudze.
Lasho lehla lenyuka likikitela.
Lasho libeka tigi kuvakale.
Kusile! Mhlaba vuka unyakate.

Lakhanyisa njengengelozi utse catsatsa.
Lusuku lobubi sebusubatsile,
Luyingayinga emaweni nasetigodzini.
Lawutsi angavela aphelele magwazehamba,
Laveetele tiyotivalela kulangabonwa emalawu.

Likilikigi! Kikilikigi! Lasho ligiya ligagu.
Lilele? Uyabusa, uyatamasa.
Lantsitsa butfongo, ukhahlele ingubo.
Lasa umlanga, ubuke lelisha,
Layitolo lendlulile alisanamatfuba.
Laka ubambe anamuhla ematfuba.

Likilikigi! Kikilikigi!
Lelibanti, nemisebenti ibanti,
Leta, hlakula, sindza,
Lentsa, londvolota,
Leka, gawula, centsa,
Lalisa, lilitela, giya.

Layitolo lendlulile.
Layela lalomuhla indesheni,
Lenta, tincome ngemsebenti welusuku.
Lewese titalabho ngebuchawe lobentile.
Lilikigi! Kikilikigi! Kusile Ngwane.

Lindiwe Sikhondze

WASA LOKUNGALI

matiso sihabiso

