AFRICA

DOWN WITH APARTHEID CHANTS THE BEAT OF THE DRUM THE GUIDING HAND OF MANDELA LEADS HIS NATION DIVIDED, BACK TO ONE THE PEOPLE NEED HOUSING, THE SCHOOLS ARE UNFIT THE WAGES ARE LOW, THE LACK OF VOTE STILL PREVAILS THERE'S LITTLE TIME FOR TALK, THE CHALLENGES MUST BE MET ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS MUST BE RELEASED FROM THE JAILS AFRICA, MAGICAL MOUNTAINS, MIGHTY RIVERS WE MUST EMBRACE THIS ANCIENT LAND OF OLD LAND, JUNGLED WITH BEAUTY AND GRACE STOKE THE DYING EMBERS IN HER CHILDREN'S SOULS SEND TO THIS LAND MUCH NEEDED RAIN TO FEED THE DRY PLAINS SO WIDE SO IT MAY STRENGTHEN THE HERDERS BUT TOUGHEN NOT, THEIR HIDES NOBLEMEN, TRIBESMEN, MEN OF STATE SOFTEN ALL YOUR HEARTS WARRIORS YOUNG AND OLD, PUT DOWN YOUR LANCE IT'S TIME FOR PEACE TO IMPART ELEPHANTS GRAZING FREE THROUGH THE LAND EXTINCT YOU MUST NOT BECOME SOUGHT FOR YOUR PRECIOUS IVORY ALONE KILLED SENSELESSLY WHILE ON THE RUN A SHOT SCATTERS ALL OF THE WILD LIFE THE BIRDS SQUALL, IN PANIC THEY TAKE FLIGHT FOR THE POACHERS ARE COMING THEY HIDE IN THE NIGHT FAMINE AFTER FAMINE THERE'S SCARCELY FOOD FOR NONE THE PAIN GROWS FROM THE HUNGER WHILE YOUR SONG HAS BEEN SUNG YEARS FILLED WITH TYRANNY YOUR ARMOR MUST NOW FADE REACH OUT FROM THE SLAUGHTER FOR YOUR CHILDREN HAVE AIDS YOU MUST CRY OUT FOR FREEDOM NOT MAJORITY RULE THE LAND MUST STAND UNITED OR STAY A NATION OF FOOLS LET THE DAMPAS BECOME A SYMBOL WHAT MAN'S DONE TO MAN DOWN WITH THE UPRISING OF THE PAST LET PEACE DEVISE A NEW PLAN FOR BROTHER, AGAINST BROTHER CRY OUT FROM THEIR GRAVES HAVE MERCY, HAVE MERCY ALL RACES MUST BE SAVED

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