

VULAMAZIBUKO POEMS AND SHORT STORIES

I REMEMBER

By TM

I remember
I remember
The day I lost my mom
Oh I remember

Seeing a hearse coming to fetch her
I remember

They put her in a bag.
I remember I remember

Sad and weary
I thought this was the end of my world

When I saw a coffin coming
I screamed as if I was dying

I wept in privacy
I tried to be strong but failed

I remember seeing her for the last time
Dead lifeless
In a coffin
Yes, in a coffin

The next day she was getting into a hole
I knew I would never see her again
I said goodbye to my dreams

Laying her to rest I remember
But there is one thing I cannot remember
Where is her grave?

I remember everything but my mom's grave

A WOMAN'S WORTH

I salute you women
For all your hard work

For carrying a baby nine months inside of you
For not giving up on those raised by you

For not washing your hands on them even when it hurts
For being brave when it pains you

For being diligent
For being heroes

For not abandoning each other
For forgiving

Playing many roles in our lives
Without women this world would be nothing

I salute the women of this world

MY BEAUTY

My beauty is worth gold and diamonds
My beauty is from within

Natural, original, African
I am an African beauty

I AM A POET

I spread my wings and fly around
I imagine without limit

I go to the past
The present
The future

Taking my emotions
Feeling emotions
Pain, joy, grief, you name it

Born to be a poet
With no pretence

Inspired from within
Allowing my pen to dance

Oh yes I am a poet indeed

ANGER

You flood me
I need to get a break from you

I take a piece of paper
Pretending as if the paper
Can heal my anger

I drink a glass of water
Still I cant wash you better

You are still there
Choking my throat

Leave me alone
This evil eats my bone

You are so evil
You want me to kill

You make enemies
Hold grudges
Disrespect

You change a person
You curse a person

Fade away
Oh anger
Fade away
Anger!

AMAZING GIFT

I am an amazing gift
That's what I am

A gift from God
From ancestors

A gift from nature
A child is an amazing gift

Amazing and amazed
I got this gift

Of an amazing gift
The gift of poetry

DON'T CALL ME THAT

Don't call me that
This and that
Don't call me names
That's not who I am

Call me a future leader
A rising star
An inspiration
The youth of today

An African princess
Your daughter
Don't say you will kick me out of your house
I will not be homeless

LET HIM IN

Let Jesus in
Let him in your heart

Let him teach you good
Let him teach show you the bad

When He knocks open
Let Him enter

Let Him be your Savior
Let Him control you to do good things

Let Him in
He died for you

Let Him in
He is life that never ends

Let Him in
Oh Yes let Him in

SOWETO MY KASI

See different people
Different cultures
Township culture

Top shayela, pantsula, tsotsi, vandals
All assorted
I love my kasi

The good the bad
The rich the poor
The famous and the nonentity
All come from Soweto

Uprisings
success
crimes
You name it

Music style fashion
You name it

My hood my township my ghetto
South Western Township

LOVE

By MM

In all the years I have known you
I have seen things about you

You planned and strove
Sacrificed driven by love
Selfless sacrifice
To give us love

I am sending this to you
It is a pleasure
To know you do all this
Just for me

MONEY

Money is evil
People died for money
People struggled for money
Money is dangerous
Don't sell you soul to it
You will be in trouble
Just let it serve you honestly

I AM A BUTTERFLY

KM

I fly like a bird
To express myself
No one is like me
Colorful, unique, beautiful
As wonderful as the butterfly

When people set eyes on me
They just go WOW!

Because I am a butterfly
From caterpillar to a butterfly
Who flies from flower to flower
Wow!

AFRICAN QUEEN

I am an African queen
Dark, beautiful, proud of myself
Original, loved and respected
I love my skin I love myself
I love black and will die black

NATURE

LN

I believe beauty created nature
Otherwise how could you explain this?
Oh nature

Beauty created animals
Beauty has variety
Beauty has humor

I love the green
That envelops us
We all love our beautiful nature
Beauty is nature
Nature is beauty

Look at the shining stars
Look at the trees
Look at humans
Look at animals

Listen to the sound of the wind
The birds, the falls and oceans
I love nature
Do you?

HAPPINESS

I have happiness
You have happiness
We have happiness

What a word "happiness"
Life can be full of happiness
Families are happy

Friends bring happiness
Everyone brings happiness
Its happiness all over the world

THE LOVE OF GOD

Created with love
Got such kind parents
Health and full of love
I love to love

I love God
I love His creation
I love God's caring
God loves us back

We are safe because of God's love
Alive because of Love
I am who I am because of God's love
God loves us all

So does God love you?

ANGRY

I am angry because of you
Angry because of people
Feeling bad because of us
Lets take care of nature

A SOUTH AFRICAN CHILD

GN

I am a South African child
With likes and dislikes
I love schoolwork
I hate abuse

I like to dance
I like to play with friends
And to create
I hate crime

I like volleyball
I like playing scrabble
I hate child rapists
I hate gossip

I like washing dishes at home
I hate hip hop
I like kwaito
I hate destructive criticism

FREEDOM

I am free
Like a bird up in the sky
I have freedom
Because of freedom fighters

I am free to do what pleases me
Free like a bird
Comfortable like a dolphin in water

I love
And I am loved

(Dedicated to Duduzile Nhlapho)

You took care of me
Until this age
You were there for me
In good bad and sad times

You are the only one who loved me

A pleasure to have
Pleased to have me
Always there for me

You did not care about what people said about me
You continued to care for me
Since you got me
You have been struggling moving up and down
But that did not change you

During hard times you told me
“Never give up hope”
Taught me right from wrong
Never gave up
You believed in yourself

You put me at school
Bought me new clothes
Always there for me
That is why I love and I am loved

MY FRIENDS

You took care of me
Taught me many things
One of them is loving and sharing
And also being there when needed

I have learned to believe in you
Especially when you hold my hands
And tell me all will be fine
And kept all the promises you made

(Dedicated to Keamogetswe, Gcinile, Smangele and Thando)

WHY ME?

Why me?
Why you chose me?
You took away my grandfather
A kind and wise man

Took away my aunt
An intelligent person

Who took good care of me
Why me?

Why choose me?
Who are you going to take now?
Why are you doing this to me?
Making my life miserable
Why me?

FOR THE LOVE OF MUSIC

KM

Music, music,
Music everywhere
The teacher teaching in class
I hear music in my ears

The train moving
I hear music in my ears
Pastor preaching
I hear music in my ears

Children crying for porridge
I hear music in my ears
I would do anything
For the love of music

I will name my son music
My daughter R&B
My cat “ngwazi” music
My dog “kwasakwa”

I would do anything beautiful
To show my love of music

I AM A GUN

I am a gun
Yep you heard me loud
I am a gun

I cripple people
Make people cry

Why do I make people cry?

Revenge, jealousy, hunger money
Sometimes I disguise and say
I kill for peace

You heard me loud and clear
I am not on a silencer
I am a gun loud and deadly
And there is nothing you can do

I love an angry hand
A trigger happy hand
A quick hand
A dirty hand

There is something you people can do
If you were not so trigger happy
But because you are
I shall keep quiet

Take my fellows along
I left them in the gunshop
AK47
Rest in peace
Mpintshi yegazi!

LOVE

Love love
My love is forever
I love nature
I love people
I just love

I AM A MAN

I am a man
A true man

I sacrifice my life
For others

I am brave like a snake

Fast as a cheetah

Strong like a lion
I attack like a tiger

I have the strength
The wisdom
To rule the world

TEARS

I cry for love
Cry for joy
For peace
Happiness death and war

When will you feel my pain
When will it be time you take me seriously
I have been beaten
I have been through hell

I cried till the tears dried up
When will you hear me
Will you listen the day my tears turn into blood
When will you feel my pain

The pain I feel!

PROSTITUTES

I wonder
What happened to true dignity?
To the black man's values
To true conscience
What happened to "ubuntu" humanity?

Families are destroyed
Some have died
Others are falling apart
Many are embarrassed

What happened to your conscience?
Do you sleep at night?
Or you agonize about HIV?

Do you consider yourself good?
What happened to men's conscience
Who prefer to use your body like that?
Do they sleep at night?
When the pretend to be family figures
Or role models
For who?

Our bodies are God's property
To change South Africa
We must love ourselves
Love and our bodies
And be prepared to pay the price
Even if it is poverty
Let us all build South Africa

WHO AM I?

Call me names
Call me a lover
An orphan
But I am not like you

I have been beaten
Went through life's challenges
Other humans did not go through

I have been treated like a visitor
In my mother's place
My body has gone numb
Like a dead wood
When you beat me
It feels like you are just beating a drum

We are all the same
With the same life challenges
Call me names
I know who I am
I love who I am

ONE MINUTE MONOLOGUE

WH

Just think of a plan
Say something
Think think
The time is ticking
Think of something
Just give me a minute
Come on say something

Think tough
Harder
Just think harder than this
Are you listening?
Do you hear something?
Tick tock
Tick tock
Tick tock
The watch is moving

Think think
Think again
The time is over
I have not even started writing
Exams were my blues

BEING YOURSELF

JX

Enjoy being you
You are wonderful
You are full of life
You have so much to give
Enjoy being you
Enjoy the life God gave you

LOVE

In darkness I will light up your path
In sadness I will bring joy
I will deliver you from the struggle
And strengthen you when you are weak

I time of questions I will bring answers
In your doubt I will give you faith
Above all else
I love you
I want to be your strength

LISTEN

NV

Listen to the sound
Listen to the beat
To the rhythm of the music
Listen to the baby's laughter
It can be too loud
Too noisy
But all you have to do
Listen

Listen to the chirping birds
Singing softly
Listen to the soft children's choir
Singing harmoniously like heavenly angels
All you have to do
Listen

I AM BEAUTIFUL

JB

I am dark and beautiful
I love it!
I love my beauty
Say anything you like
I exude beauty
I see beauty wherever I go
I write beauty
I love beauty
SMILE SUNSHINE!

MY NATION

My nation
I love my nation
My nation loves me

I love that you cant buy love
I keep my nation clean
Love everything about my nation

My nation is like a diamond
A treasure to me
My nation glows gloriously
Because I love it