

# Woman's Worth

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With these poems and poetry  
I intend telling the stories untold  
Not just fables of old women but to reveal the  
concealed truth about the reality, the suffering  
and the pain this woman endures day by day.

This woman has lost her worth  
Her womaness has been degraded  
Her soul is contolled by the hauling of the winds  
She can play marimba no more, she can smile no more,  
she can dance no more, she can cry no more.  
Izinyembezi sezomile, hay ngoba sekungcono but she is dehydrated  
For cried until she could cry no more.

Poets of this generation  
Thathani iphepha nosiba and write.  
Write so her name will be remembered for generations to come  
Njengeqhawe elinamandla, iqhawe elingahlehli  
Elingadubi, elingadangali, elingadikibali.  
Holding on so her kids will have a brighter future,  
Eyishay' indiva inhlungu ukuze efihle ihlazo  
Lomyeni wakho ogijima ukuze Kuse nabesimame abazidelile.

Poets of this generation  
Assure her that she is beautiful,  
That she is loved,  
That she is appreciated,  
That she is complete,  
That she is worth it!  
For this woman has lost her worth!

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