



DEAR  
HUMANITY

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& VARIOUS POETS

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## Dear Humanity

Dear Humanity  
This is a note for the things you did to us  
The ways you made us feel  
The lies you sold to us  
And the truths you hide from us

Dear Humanity  
This note ain't a mirror, this note is a window  
It's not a reflection nor a deflection  
But it's things mostly ignored  
Everyday human mistakes

Dear Humanity  
Is not an attack  
It's not to point fingers  
Not to disturb the peace that's between us  
So... Don't get in your feelings  
Cause  
This is to all of Humanity

## **Like War**

**Gun shots  
Hot spots  
It just felt like war  
Lines crossed  
Lives lost  
It just felt like war  
To our land what a pain  
To our land what a strain  
One we hope won't happen again  
And I hope you're all home and safe**

# NONKULULEKO

NONKULULEKO  
KODWA NONKULULEKO WABA NJANI  
WAFIKA, WAQEDA INHLUPHEKO  
WAFIKA, WASHIY' UNKULULEKO  
WAFIKA, WAHAMBAMBA SENGATHI WAWUNGEKHO

NONKULULEKO  
KODWA NONKULULEKO WABA NJANI  
KWAZE BANI UKUTHI NAMANJE SIZOBE SILWA INHLUPHEKO  
UKUTHI NAMANJE SIZOBE SIBHEKA UNKULULEKO  
UKUTHI NAMANJE SIZOBE SICELA INHLONIPHO

NONKULULEKO  
KODWA NONKULULEKO WABA NJANI  
ONJANI OSHIYA ABAKWAKHE NGEMUVA  
AHAMB' ANGABHEKI NA KANYE NGEMUVA  
NOMA UNGEKHO SESIYA PHAMBILI SISUKELA NGEMUVA

## **Black Lives Matter**

My life like your life, black lives matter,  
Lost lives have us saying black lives matter,  
Don't you hate how it takes violence to bring us together,  
To stand shoulder to shoulder with one accord,  
Black men and black women standing together,  
Freedom is a gift thus no one needs to afford,  
As one race and one people united we stand,  
It's oneness against racism, black lives matter.

## CRYING PEACE

WE CAN MARCH INTO THE STREETS  
CARRYING BANNERS CRYING PEACE  
WE WON'T STOP UNTIL THEY LEAVE  
BUT THIS FIGHT IS TAKING WEEKS  
TAKE TO MEDIA AND THE PRESS  
HATING PEOPLE NEVER ENDS  
RACIAL WARS ARE TOO STRESS  
BUT WE'LL FIGHT UNTIL THE END

# LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

by The Writer ANONYMOUS

THIS IS A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT  
AND EVERY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL  
WE SEE THE WORK IN WHICH YOU'RE DOING  
AND ALL THE STRESS IN WHICH IT BRINGS YOU  
BUT WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO BRING JUSTICE IN HERE  
TO ARREST, TRIAL, AND FINE ALL THE CRIMINALS HERE  
OUR WOMEN AND OUR CHILDREN ARE ALL LIVING IN FEAR  
WILL YOU START TO REACT WHEN THE FEAR GETS TOO NEAR  
LEFT, RIGHT AND CENTRE OUR WOMEN ARE KILLED  
RAPED, MOLESTED, AND EVEN KIDNAPPED  
OUR SISTERS, AND GRANDMAS, AND MOTHERS, AND DAUGHTERS  
WHERE IS THE FREEDOM YOU SAID YOU HAD BROUGHT US  
PLEASE DON'T YOU EVER FORGET WHO'S THE GIVER OF POWER  
CAUSE TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH WILL BE REQUIRED



## Dear Democracy

Dear democracy

You came and you brought us "equality"

To allow real eyes to realize the real lies of society

Now we realize the real lies of democracy

But is it democracy or is it really just hypocrisy

Lies made and promises never kept

This is what keeps people on edge

If we can't trust each other, who will lead us

If we stop following so much, we can all be leaders

# F.R.E.E.D.O.M.

F.R.E.E.D.O.M.

F IS FOR FORGET  
FORGET ABOUT THE CRIMES OF THE PAST  
FORGET ALL THE PAINS THAT WILL LAST  
FORGET ABOUT THE STRUGGLE CAUSE YOU WEREN'T THERE  
ENJOY ALL THE HOLIDAYS WE NOW SHARE

R IS FOR THE REBELS  
FOR ALL THOSE WHO WILL STAND AND FIGHT BACK  
FOR ALL THOSE WHO WILL SAY "WE DON'T LIKE THAT"  
WHEN YOU PUSH THEM IN A CORNER THEY JUST BREAK DOWN THE WALL  
KNOW THAT ONE DAY, THEY WILL STAND TALL

E, OF EQUALITY  
OR IS THERE  
WAS THERE OR WILL THERE BE  
THAT'S THE QUESTION THAT WE ASK  
EVERY TIME WE SIT AND WE LEARN ABOUT THE PAST  
TWELVE YEARS IN SCHOOL AND I STILL CAN'T ANSWER THAT

E, FOR EMOTIONS WE FEEL  
PAINS THAT WE FEEL LIKE WE'RE CUT FROM A DEAL  
BUT WE GON' RISE AND HEAL  
KNOWING ONE DAY, THAT WE'LL BE ALRIGHT

DEMOCRACY  
ANOTHER WORD  
OVERRATED, WRONGLY USED  
BUT LIVE WITH IT  
THAT OR BE ACCUSED

FOR OFFENCE  
FOR SOMETHING THAT YOU NEVER DID  
NEVER SAID OR SAID BUT NEVER HEARD  
OUT, FOR YOUR VERSION OF THE STORY TOO  
OR THE TRUTH AT THE LEAST

M FOR LET'S MOVE ON WITH LIFE  
YOU CAN COMPLAIN ALL DAY BUT YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME

# **Faceless**

**By Nightshade**

**Watch out my love for you is slowly evaporating, slowly becoming a distant memory a bitter aftertaste. You preach your poisonous words to me and drown me in thorns but dictator don't you know that I can only endure so much before my patched-up cracks burst open releasing a river of blood and thorns because that is what you feed me...**

**Dictator now that you've freed my demons.. Watch them tear you apart**

# **We Nsizwa**

**We nsizwa qina manje  
Lempi ikudinga la  
Siyakudinga ekhaya KwaZulu  
Uzoma nabantu ba KwaZulu  
We nsizwa qina manje  
Lempi s'yayilwa la  
Sohamba s'yekhaya KwaZulu  
And sizolwa nje ngoShaka uZulu**

## **Ungakhali Mama**

Wentu, singenze ntoni  
Ekhaya, uma engekho umama  
Bantu, singenze ntoni  
Ekhaya, mekukhala umama  
Ngafic' umama ekhala  
Wasul' inyembezi  
Wang' bhek' emehlweni  
Wathi khuluma mtanami  
Isizwe sakho lesi  
Abantu bakho laba  
Ungakhali mama  
Thath' indawo yakho lana  
Wentu, singenze ntoni  
Ekhaya, uma engekho umama  
Bantu, singenze ntoni  
Ekhaya, mekukhala umama

## TO EVERYONE

"YOU'RE MEAN TO ME"  
NO, I'M MEAN TO EVERYONE  
BUT KIND TO EVERYONE  
I'VE GOT THAT BALANCE ON  
I'VE GOT TWO SPEAKERS ON MY SHOULDERS AND THEY ARGUE ON  
THERE'S MINI ME, THEN THERE IS THE ANGEL ONE  
ALWAYS TRYNA SING ME FAIRY SONGS  
BUT I'M NOT A FAIRY TALE GUY  
I'M THE FICTIONAL KIND

## **uXolo**

uXolo

Isisho noma isenzo

When do you mean it and when do you not  
Is it shown through the walk or through the talk

uXolo

Easily said but not so easily given

The bond broken and the trust lost

After some time you'll see that the love's lost

# **Thethelela Ma**

Thethelela Ma  
Ngithi mina thethelela Ma  
Ubaxolele Ma  
Kungakhal' u-Azania Ma  
Ngob' umuntu ungumuntu ngabantu  
Umntu ngumntu ngabantu  
Motho ke motho ka batho  
Mtu ni mtu na watu  
Senze njani manje  
Kukhala umama manje  
Wathi baxolele manje  
Wabaxolele naye manje  
Siyabonga Ma  
Ngithi mina siyabonga Ma  
Enkosi Ma  
Ngithi mina enkosi Ma  
Kea lebohe Ma  
Ngithi mina kea lebohe Ma  
Asante Ma  
Ngithi mina asante Ma



# **Alone**

**You ever been...**

**Surrounded by a thousand people but you feel alone  
Lost in the moment, as you try to get in the zone  
Life could be colourful, but I'm feeling monotone  
Seven billion people in the world yet you're all alone**

**You ever been...**

**To the top of the mountain and in the valley lows  
Feeling like a peacock then a snake in a home  
You don't know what sorrow is if you've never been lonely  
Seven billion people and we all fight for hope**

# NEED

PEOPLE YOU DON'T NEED IN MY LIFE  
THEY BE GIVING HATE THAT YOU DON'T NEED IN MY LIFE  
SO YOU ORDER COUPLE SHOTS BUT YOU AIN'T DRINKING ANY NIGHT  
ROLL A COUPLE BLUNTS BUT YOU AIN'T SMOKING ANY NIGHT  
CAUSE YOU CAN'T ENJOY THE NIGHT LIFE  
WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT THE NIGHT CRIME  
THEFT AND MURDERY, THE HIGH JACKS AND BREAKING INS  
CREATING ANXIETY, AND BRINGING THE FEAR IN

# Another Day Wasted

By B.Nko

"Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things I can't change  
The courage to change the things that I can  
And the wisdom to know the difference..."

Another day wasted, surrounded by fake friends  
Calculating money for the month end  
A youth lost with dreams, but with no plan to follow  
Thinking that the city life is better but it's easy to get swallowed  
By their 2 am parties, get so high you almost forget who you are  
"Take another shot!" They scream, it's just a shot that's all

5 shots later, you forget about the roots that anchor you  
You hear voices in your head of mama crying cause you broke her  
heart

Caused by the city, you're slowly moulding into the ones that didn't  
make it

Waking up the next day with a headache and a single blanket  
Wondering how long can you carry on to fake it

Fake that you can buy things but you can't afford partying every  
weekend

So you balled out this weekend just to impress...  
Now you're in a whole lot of stress cause you still gotta eat for  
the month

So you think to yourself, "Another day wasted, surrounded by fake  
friends"

"Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things I can't change  
The courage to change the things I can change  
And the wisdom to know the difference... the city is changing me."

# Money

Money don't change people  
It just flexes out their true selves  
Never followed sheeple  
Cause that's not within my true self  
True to self even when that means being alone on Weekdays  
To avoid every blue Monday I hustle on every week's end  
No one will know your struggles of humble beginnings  
"Money changed you" they'll say  
Just remember the saying  
They're bringing out their true selves

## **Friend**

**If you've gotta a lot of people who have got your back  
Just know they would stab on it  
It's more likely a friend than a foe  
The closer they are the harder the pain  
The deeper the stab the greater the gain**

## Changing

When they see you changing they say go with the flow  
But it's only dead fish that go with the flow  
So I ain't a dead fish cause I'm always on the go  
Never been fast but never been slow  
I'm definitely not lucky nor not lucky  
But you can place a bet that I'm blessed  
Far from the worst, I'm not saying I'm the best  
But what you can expect is close to the best

# TOUGH TIMES

FAKE FRIENDS WILL NEVER BE GONE  
EVEN IN THE KING'S PALACE YOU'LL FIND SNAKES  
TOUGH TIMES SHOW YOU WHO THE REAL ONES ARE  
TOUGH TIMES CAN BREAK EVEN YOUR DAY ONES

# **Betrayed**

**You cry when you feel betrayed  
But even Jesus was betrayed by Judas  
Loved by sinners and denied by true ones  
So it's a part of life  
An essential pain  
Felt by all but not all learn that  
Foes teach you more than friends do**



# **Ndoni's Thoughts**

**By Ndoni**

**Life,**

**It's unfair to everyone  
It's like a Rollercoaster  
There are moments where you are up  
There are moments where you are down  
All in all its a thrill ride**

**But,**

**When you're down  
Why does life keep knocking you down  
It feels like you're in a boxing ring  
And it keeps hitting you, blow after blow  
It feels like life wants you to low  
It feels like life wants your soul  
It feels like life wants everything you own  
It feels like it never wants you to get up**

**But,**

**Life is unfair for everyone  
That makes it fair  
Right?**

## **You**

I try not to think about you  
And all the fake things you do  
That's why I wrote I'm Losing You  
Then realized you losing me  
Cause I was protecting you  
And you tried protecting me  
So I tried to think and choose  
Of what I should do with you  
Cause our ship was as strong as Titanic  
But it was you not the iceberg that sank it

## SMALL PERCENTER

GOOD GIRLS STAY AT HOME BUT THAT'S A SMALL PERCENT OF  
ALL THE WOMEN THAT THERE ARE IN THE WORLD AROUND US  
EVERYBODY WANTS A GOOD GIRL WITH A BAD VIBE  
OR A BAD GIRL WITH A GOOD VIBE  
TELL ME I'M WRONG  
TELL ME I'M NOT IN THE ZONE  
TELL ME I'M LYING  
TELL ME SOMETHING THAT I DON'T KNOW

GOOD GIRLS STAY AT HOME BUT THAT'S A SMALL PERCENTER  
AND SAY NO TO TEMPTATIONS TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE  
ALL THE REST ACTING BAD GIRL BOUJIE  
I'M NOT TRYNA SPEAK OUT AND SEEM RUDE-ISH  
GREW UP IN A HUMBLE HOME BUT THEY ALL CHOOSY  
I'M JUST STATING FACTS BUT THEY SAY IT'S OUTLANDISH

## **Uthando Lwentokazi**

Wemadoda  
Nezinsizwa  
'Mungamuthandi  
Why umshela  
'Bhizi udlala ngenhliziyo  
'Bhizi udlala nangemizwa  
You said "I love you" for days  
But you were lying for days  
I found you here and then there  
But you continued your ways

Wemadoda  
Nezinsizwa  
Stop your playing ngalemizwa  
Ngob' uthando lwentokazi  
Lujulile  
Luyabhiza

# FIGHTING

I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW THAT THINGS WOULD EVER BE THIS WAY  
BUT IF I DID I WONDER WHAT WOULD I HAVE CHANGED  
FIGHTING THIS, FIGHTING THAT, FIGHTING PRINCIPALITIES  
BUT THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL BUT MIGHTY  
SO COME WHAT MAY  
I'M DOING RIGHT NOW WHAT IN FUTURE WILL PAY  
CAUSE IN THIS LIFE YOU NEVER GET A SECOND CHANCE  
SO NEVER STAND DOWN OR YOU WON'T FIGHT ANOTHER DAY

## **Who I Want to Be**

**There's a demon at the door  
It wants to see you on the floor  
Crying and sobbing, hurt with no hoping  
Faith but with seeing, hopes you're not leaving  
But instead you're down and on your knees  
Praying to be free from this pain that you feel  
These cries are not real cause these voices aren't real  
I know the pain that you feel that you hope is not real  
I've been there before  
Not in your shoes but in your situation  
And you try to fade it away with a lit-uation  
Depression, anxiety, the pains that I'm hiding in  
Secrets confided in me of people who trust in me  
Demon, demon, demon, what do you want from me  
What you're hoping to gain you won't find in me  
Whoever you want is who I'm not trying to be  
And who God wants is who I want to be**

## **Blessing**

Forget about the people who rejected you  
But remember every lesson that they taught to you  
Remember every blessing God gave to you  
And every single day He blessed to you

## Offended?

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never break me  
Wrong, sticks and stones may break bones, but words break hearts  
I don't think my writings to be any type of work  
But, passion and drive and love at work  
From thoughts to ideas, ideas to words  
It's funny how you can be offended by unspoken words  
And poetic writings we call spoken words  
Clearly, you're not ready for UNSPOKEN WORDS  
Things said that cannot be unsaid  
Things not said with regret to have been said  
Are you really offended I ask to make it worse  
But, what's worse than words in this world  
Sticks and stones may break bones, but words break hearts  
So I ask again, are you really offended?



**It Is *Not* What It Is**

To all those who have supported me to this point in time and still continue to push me forward in this industry, you make me want to say thank you in languages I don't yet know.

But for now:

Thank you  
Ngiyabonga  
Kea lebohe  
Enkosi

And Salute  
Till Next Time

Poetic Type of Love  
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Coming Soon

~~DEAR HUMANITY~~

DEAR PERSON READING THIS:

YOU ARE WORTHY  
YOU ARE BLESSED  
YOU ARE LOVED  
YOU ARE VALUABLE

DON'T LET ANYONE  
TELL YOU OTHERWISE