

An Ode to Mandela Day

Every day should be a fine day
If it were festooned with world festivities
As widespread with goodwill as Mandela Day
In which well wishers take part in various activities

To honor and thank Madiba, the hero of our liberation
Young and old, black and white should join as the “rainbow nation”
To pay homage to the noble work and selfless sacrifice
Of our leaders under his astute tutelage and advice

Follow his counsel and use his profound wisdom
To attain our highly cherished freedom
As we ponder over the past fifteen years
Which have passed since the attainment of our goal
We should reflect and search deep into our soul

To look at the compass with heroes directions
They walked without ease or any trepidations
For our country to follow into the future
As we sew each second, minute and hour
Like a surgeon does with every suture
To endow each one with eternal power

For the benefit of our land
If we all lent a friendly hand
To make this a better and blessed place
We shall see how we light up every face
To banish sorrow and strife and sufferings
For Providence to bestow to all of us his blessings.

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