

# **My African Dream**

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Oh God of all creation, see how this land and nations are endowed  
This land, the mother of modern thought, innovation, philosophy and arts  
A land of rich history, the origin of humanity, mathematics, science and  
technology

The cradle of life, creation of mankind, mother of our us all  
The African heart loves, shares and hopes for same things, our own unity and  
prosperity  
Our heart longs for the days of ancient, when we used to sing our native songs  
and not the empty tunes of the vain  
The days when our bodies danced, together in unimaginable contortion, in  
synchronous gyration to the djembe  
but our memories are blemished by conflict, poverty and strife, brother against  
brother, mother against child, government against its people  
Our stomachs hardened from hunger, skin infected with disease and mind  
returned to a blank slate deprived of knowledge and erased of wisdom

We have lost our values, traditions and rituals. We have become selfish.  
We strive for self to feed our own stomachs.. why do we live for ourselves? Why  
do we take from our brother? Is it because we see not the affliction?

The politicians say , "we will do, we will go, just let me through and I will show  
you"

"Peace, peace" they say, whilst at the back they beat our brow and make us  
slaves of repression

Only to turn their word to poison , and feed the people the ashes of betrayal  
Forgive us Lord for the sins of our fathers, for the smoldering wicks they try to  
extinguish.... may they not succeed I pray.

Save us from the oppression that brother brings upon brother, and offer us relief

Deliver us from future despots and lead us into salvation and consciousness.

Help us determine our future, let us become accountable to one another, let us

accept responsibility and the consequences of our action

and in the days of salvation , we will thank you for the resuscitation and  
elevation.

We say thank you for the wealth we possess, and the bounty of our land.

For the heritage and culture, the song that is in our African heart, the drum that  
beats to the tune of the African spirit.

We thank you for our Africa...., our Youth Charter the way forward into our  
destiny,  
young men and women will dance around the fire, celebrating in the blend of  
culture and tradition of the land  
Sharing in the passion and wealth of ideas that the continent offers  
Telling stories and parables of times past to friends on Facebook, Twitter and  
around our fires at home  
We shall work together for a better Africa, from Harare to Nairobi, Cairo to  
Kinshasa, Uagadougou to Abidjan all together in unity we shall build a greater  
Africa.

Regional cooperation and integration between Uganda and Rwanda, Botswana  
and Lesotho, The Gambia and Sarahawi for the promotion of investment and  
creation of sustainable wealth  
Together we shall hold hands and raise them high To see Africa as one, singing

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Long live Africa,  
Vivre l'Afrique  
Milele Afrika  
Achat Africia  
Viva Africa

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