

# POETRY COLLECTION

ABOUT NELSON MANDELA

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There once was a Black Man  
A warrior for his kin  
Whose sword was humble eyes and whose shield was his skin

Lustrous flame is in the wind  
A shelter in the storm  
A black dove carries peace  
Engulfs the hate worm

There once was a fire  
Red, blazing light of love  
Shimmering, caring eyes  
There once was a wise man  
A conscience between walls

In Mankind's cradle  
Promised land of plenty  
There was Xhosa man  
Unchaining his country

He is stopping by the road  
He knows how far he has come  
Where once was Mandela  
Is Justice and Freedom.

Rita

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Nelson Mandela, with courage and passion  
Would always do anything for his nation  
And would never betray anyone

Nelson Mandela, a man who speaks up; trustful words  
Who never gives up on his fights and gives hope again  
We will always remember him and his actions.

PM

In Search of Freedom.

He stood up for their rights  
Was never afraid to fight  
For the liberty of his beloved,  
He dedicated his entire life.

The beauty of devotion  
And wisdom that allows forgiveness  
To engulf the minds.  
Free Mandela will always rise.

E & E

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*"Ideal of a democratic and free society:"*  
Kindly formulated by our saviour, Nelson.  
*"Live together in harmony."*  
Can't you hear the shout for freedom?

Our humanity stolen by Colons,  
In the interests of white supremacy,  
It's to lock up our identity  
And take us down to a frightening prison.

Thank God we have Nelson  
Now he's far from prison.

*"Ideal of a democratic and free society:"*  
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*"Live together in harmony."*  
Can't you hear the shout for freedom?

We believe in you, Madiba.  
Many years of domination and tears  
Can't you feel, Can't you hear  
Our shout, Mandela?

G & M

As the wind blows over the land  
As the ageless oak here you stand  
Your words, still floating through the night  
The night which led us all to light  
Will you memories never fade  
For it drew us here today  
You broke the cage for us to fly  
Swelling up all night to the sky

As a shepherd, you led us all  
As a god, you made darkness fall  
You raised Wisdom out from the dun  
You were the guide, you were the sun  
Your legacy changed the world forever  
You grew freedom like a hateless flower  
You broke the cage for us to fly  
Swelling up all night to the sky.

R. Madiot

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Like a shiny star in the sky  
Nelson, Mandela was the sign  
The guide on the way to Freedom  
He was a pure soul of wisdom

His words were as powerful as a sword  
But soft as an angel feather  
His impact across the whole world  
The peace of whom he was the father

K.M & Tara L.

In Nelson Mandela, we looked for peace  
In him, we sought humanity  
In our saviour, we gathered all our hope

Nelson's courage was guidance in a light so bright  
Inequality he challenged  
With all his might  
With love and strength, he fought his fight

In prison walls, his spirit remained free  
Was a big hope for you and me  
His legacy lives on  
And all our pain and tears are gone

C. R.

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His name was Nelson Mandela  
And he became indispensable  
His real name was Rolihlahla  
And he did something unimaginable.

He fought for a free society  
Which at the time was really not easy  
He said "prison" gave him a new serenity  
And he was never lazy.

His name was Nelson Mandela  
And he was finally free.  
He did a lot of things for South Africa  
Ah his people were finally free.

M.R

Once in my wonderland  
Staring at the lines on my hand  
with some tears of joy on my life-line  
When I read that single line

It said that Nelson Mandela was free  
And suddenly he joined me  
He told me everything  
about the world he was leaving

And together we changed war into peace  
And we broke the hatred into pieces  
And we spread love in the cities  
In carrying out of duties

Once in my wonderland  
Sitting on the grass with my friend  
My good old friend Madiba  
Here we are – Nelson Mandela

Alex

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Nobody is like Bella Hadid  
Our actual "hero"  
Not everybody was born as a hero  
But Nelson Mandela was.

You gave us our freedom  
And shared your peace  
You conquered our hearts with your wisdom  
Even across lands and seas

You saved South Africa from apartheid  
Thank you for making it come to an end

A. Pressoir  
E. Robino

He woke up mad  
From all of this life of denial  
From freedom to disillusionment  
Now he knows his mission

The jails took him  
And the chains around him  
But his name means "trouble-maker"  
So he won't let the others down

Gave his life to African rights  
So himself can be alright  
Strategy instead of morality  
But we need black people's safety

M.D.

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A sonnet about Nelson Mandela

We've lost you Madiba  
We became a pariah  
Now the sky is grey  
May you come back one day.

Since Robben Island made you a martyr  
We do not live in harmony  
We dream about your wisdom  
Maybe one day we will be free.

We have to celebrate our differences  
To win these humble victories  
Together, hand in hand to the end  
Forever blacks with whites, no matter.

LE STUNFF  
L. Bernard



tribute to  
NANDELA



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TODAY WAS ALL ABOUT FREEDOM!  
AS A TRIBUTE TO NANDELA  
WE LAID DOWN WORDS, SPARKLES OF THOUGHTS  
SUCH A SMALL MONOR,  
TO SUCH A GREAT HERO,  
BEFORE YOU IS OUR POETRY,  
FOR YOU TO READ WHOLEHEARTEDLY.



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