

O Africa! Sweet Africa!  
The Land so rich and fair,  
I want to see thy sunny shores  
And feel thy acrid air.  
I want to place my feet  
Upon thy golden soil,  
To enjoy the warmth of tropics sweet  
And share in all thy spoil.

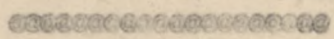
O Africa! Sweet Africa!  
I am in love with thee  
And all my soul's desire's  
To see Thy liberty,  
To see thy sons and daughters  
Enjoy their bounteous store,  
And all that are their fathers'  
Be theirs for evermore.

O Africa! Sweet Africa!  
How can my soul be free  
~~When thou art fooled and robbed by those~~  
Who sting thee like a bee?  
My spirit sinks within,  
My feeble body shakes  
To know the grossful sin  
Of what they give and take.

O Africa! Sweet Africa!  
All Africans turn to thee,  
All thoughts are centred on thy cares,  
And how long can it be  
Before thy thrones and places  
Kidnapped by thievish men,  
Be given thy princes and princesses,  
So innocent and clean?

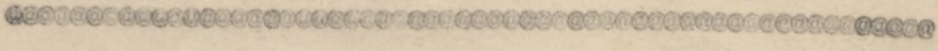
O Africa! Sweet Africa!  
The time will come some day,  
And all the world shall hail thee  
In spite of all they say,  
Thy sons shall lift their heads  
Above the present tide,  
Shall see just why the saviour died  
His precious blood and died.

For Africa's calling,  
She is stretching forth her hand,  
While Pharaoh's hosts are still ruling  
Are scattered through the land.  
But God has raised a Moses  
Who takes the word of cheer,  
Hurrah! The time approaches  
Redemption day is near.



THE OATH OF AN AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS YOUTH.

I will never bring disgrace upon my race by any unworthy deed or dishonourable act; I will live a clean, decent, manly life, and will ever respect and defend the virtue and honour of African womanhood; I will uphold and obey the just laws of my country and of the community in which I live, and will encourage others to do likewise; I will not allow prejudice, injustice, insult or outrage to cower my spirit or sour my soul, but will ever preserve the inner freedom of heart and conscience; I will not allow myself to be overcome by evil but will strive to overcome evil with good; I will endeavour to develop and exert the best powers within me for my own personal good and improvement, and will strive unceasingly to quicken racial duty and responsibility; I WILL IN ALL THESE WAYS AIMO UPLIFT MY RACE SO THAT, TO EVERYONE BOUND TO IT BY TIES OF BLOOD, IT SHALL BECOME A BOND OF ENNOBLEMENT, AND NOT A BY-WORD OF REPROACH. FOR AFRICA'S COURSE MUST TRIUMPH! SO HELP ME, GOD.



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