

ALL AFRICA'S STANDING UP

BREAK THE CHAINS

*African Liberation Day May 29, 1978 Wash. D.C.*

Africa is rising  
Throwing off the chains  
From diamond mines and townships  
To the grasslands and the plains  
Millions of hands are loading  
The rounds of freedom's gun  
Billions of feet are marching forward  
Imperialists on the run

Workin hard through Sunday  
The money aint' enough to pay the bills  
Workin in the factories, the shipyards  
In the mines and in the mills

Got to put in overtime  
I'm tired to the bone  
Can't find no decent daycare  
Can't leave the kids alone

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Countries want independence  
That's the way its got to be  
Nations want liberation  
They are fighting to be free  
People want revolution  
That's the course of history  
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Drive imperialists to the sea

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The only way the masses will truly  
be free  
Is when we shatter the chains  
of wage slavery.

In Diamond mines the workers  
Slave and sweat all day  
Capitalists make billions  
Pennies is what they pay  
But in places like Soweto  
The masses say "NO MORE"  
Instead of pass books and repression  
Revolutionary war

The boss he lives in luxury  
He makes his profits ripping off our sweat  
His class is called the bourgeoisie  
Who keep us down in poverty and debt

That's on the land and underneath  
Is his private domain  
The more we break our backs at work  
The more his private gain

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Africa rich contentent  
This imperialists know  
Labor comes there cheaply  
Resources overflow  
GM and Gulf Oil  
Make Africans slave  
They Think that it's their gold mine  
But we'll drive them to their graves

The working class is angry  
We know that there will never be class peace  
If the missleaders can't sweettalk us  
They'll turn around and call in the police

The tide of history's flowing  
We'll wash them out to sea  
Workers and oppressed unite  
Overthrow the bourgeoisie

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Superpower backing  
White minority regimes  
Pushing Andrew Young out front  
And cooking up sham schemes  
Desperately preparing  
To unleash a world war  
Trying hard to hold on  
While grabbing out for more

National oppression  
Intensifying more and more each day  
Oppression breeds resistance  
Drive the capitalist system to its grave

Self determination for the black belt south  
Puerto Rico Libre  
Free Puerto Now

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African Liberation Day  
Workers of the earth  
Stand in solidarity  
A better world's in birth  
From zimbabwe to Chicago  
The enemy's the same  
Struggle is the answer  
Revolution is our aim

The working class is rising  
Needs a vanguard party at its head  
To overthrow the bourgeoisie  
And have a workers dictatorship instead

This is a special may Day  
Going down is history  
Viewpoint is the party  
WORKERS  
The party's W

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