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FREE STATE POET PUBLISHES MANDELA POEM ON GLOBAL STAGE

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) in collaboration with the Free State Writers Forum is proud to announce that one of its own authors, Mr. Shoaneng Ephraim Sefali, has recently authored a powerful poem celebrating the legacy of Former President Nelson Mandela and this poem has also been published through the Centre for African Studies for Development and Innovation (CEADI), in Cape Verde. Mr. Sefali credits Prof. Dr de Carvalho from the United States of America for assisting him to publish this body of art.

Originally, the poem is written in English and now has been translated into more than ten (10) international languages: Arabic, Brazilian, Brazilian Sign Language, Cape Verdean, Chinese, French, Hindi, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili and Persian of Iran. Still, there are other languages that are showing interest in the poem and, of course, the strong legacy of Dr Nelson Mandela. Mr Sefali, a professional teacher at Sediba-Thuto Secondary School, in Heilbron, is currently the Chairperson of the Free State Writers Forum, led by the Language Services, the Chairperson of the Free State English Teachers Association and the Publicity Secretary for the National Association of English Teachers of South Africa.

Translators and reciters are from all over the world: Brazil, Belarus, Cape Verde, Egypt, Senegal, India, China, Panama Tanzania, USA, and the English version is recited by Dineo Mohai, Mr Sefali's daughter. This poem has united the whole world as it has always been one of former President Mandela's legacies to unite the world. The poem is available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UQRN6FenZ4>

The hard copies in all languages will also be available very soon.

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