

meted out. We remain standing, standing to honour the spectre of widowhood.

"My Lord", "Your Lordship" you really are blind.

There is the verdict glaring at me right in the face and there is nothing I can do about it. Perhaps, did that great English propagandist have this type of situation in mind when he wrote: "If justice is thy plea, consider that in the course of justice, none of us shall gain salvation?"

In The History of Sir Henry Esmond, William Makepeace Thackeray tell us of a judge who, after a sumptuous break, goes to the British High Court and sentence a poor man to death Just like that. That is the situation in this South African Supreme Court.

NELSON MANDELA

Let us all praise Mandela
leader of the oppressed and exploited
a true nationalist and democrat
like father in the family
the masses demand your leadership

It is out of your capabilities
that history commissions you
to lead the down-trodden
of our motherland
To you racist monsters
we say a loud
"hands off Rolihlahla"

Asia, Europe, America and Africa
are not quiet
on top voices they cry
"Release the leaders of the people"
while time allows

Those quiet are not dumb
their actions are a fighting talk
talk of MK and ANC
surely you mention Mandela
with the first rays
of the rising sun
your name will be mentioned.

A Thema