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## Albino

**Lazola Pambo**  
**South Africa**

She walks with a golden crown  
on her head  
fierce but gentle in angelic motion  
her reddish eyes  
glow like an orange fire on a mountain

She takes the stand crying out:  
“I will not apologise  
for the pigment of my skin  
because I am human  
before I am albino.”

All eyes stabbing her  
captivated by her distinctive aura  
smooth body sublime  
there’s rhythm in her step  
her divine sight majestic  
sweet voice crooning melodies

She lightens up the room with a smile  
her pink lips dazzle  
a universe seeking comfort in her arms  
she lives under scrutiny  
but fights the cause to free herself

She takes the stand crying out:  
“I will not apologise  
for the pigment of my skin  
because I am human  
before I am albino.”

Her state is a condition  
but worth more than royal jewels  
the world is her oyster  
in this life and the next  
she beams eternal sunshine!

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