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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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