## **Praise Poem for Amahle**

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Amahle, you have lived eleven big years!

Over the past week you and your mother Nolwazi

Have shared your lives and even your home with me like a trusted friend. For that I say thank you.

At your home I remember the wheel barrow upside down on the roof

And the alloe on guard in the ground at the back

Inside your home I saw that your mother lives with grandfather's axe...by the head of the bed

I learned that you have seen your father only four times in your life

And last year your uncle was stolen by a dark cloud...i'm sorry you will never see him again.

Oh, and how can I forget the story of your dictionary...the dictionary that was stolen at school

Don't worry my new friend, you will find your own words, you will find your own word seeds

Outside where everything is written...inspiration is education

Already you have written with your left hand three poems for me

You wrote "Nature is precious. If we cut down all the trees there will be no more air and we will die."

You also wrote, "It is important to be careful because if we are not careful we will destroy everything."

Most importantly you wrote "Respect is everything"

I think I'm beginning to understand why you want to become a prosecutor

Let's hear it for Amahle, our future prosecutor, YEBO!

I think I am beginning to understand why you want to become a singer, a dancer

You say you want to become a poetry...in your own words you say you want to become a poetry

I say yes, let your roots take wing

So Amahle whatever infection you are suffering so strong

Know that there is nothing wrong with your soul

Look after your poetry and your poetry will look after you

Look after your dreams and your dreams will look after you

It's inevitable sooner or later you will become incredible

So take your broken heart beats, any lost tears and even your best joys

Shift bounce and groove them into a river flow, the kind only you know

Khumbula, Remember the nature of water is to dance

Amahle help us remember we are water and it is our nature to dance

Lalela, liyanetha imvula yeyama

Lalela, liyanetha imvula ifana emafahlawane

Listen to the way the rain dances

There's resurrection in a rain river rhythm

Where this rhtym kicks in, a musical peace begins

Pace and the pulse and the peace...come closer to this source

Kancane kancane, kahle kahle, o'komhlaba o'kamhlaba

It's inevitable sooner or later you will become incredible...magical lyrical formidable

Skip bounce dance doodle

I know you know the way your heart beats

Amahle, I like the way you trust your feet

Stomping bright loud love bombastic

Shining singing soul star magic

Its inevitable sooner or later you will become incredible...magical lyrical formidable

Pace and the pulse and the peace

Whatever whatever happens...know that there is nothing wrong with your soul

Skip bounce dance doodle

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magical lyrical formidable...and inspirational