

## Joan Baez

### "Asimbonanga"

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Asimbonanga

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by J. Clegg, sung by Joan Baez on her CD "Recently"

Chorus: A si m'bonanga  
A si m'bonanga u Mandela thina  
Lapha ekhona  
Lapha ehleli khona

Oh the sea is cold and the sky is grey  
Look across the island into the bay  
We are all islands till comes the day  
We cross the buning water

Chorus

A seagull wings across the sea  
Borken silence is what I dream  
Who has the words to close the distance  
Between you and me

Chorus

Steven Biko  
A si m'bonanga  
A si m'bonanga umfowethu thina  
Lapha ekhona  
La wa fela khona

Vicoria Mxenge  
A si m'bonanga  
A si m'bonanga u tate wetha thina  
Lapha ekhona  
La wa fela khona

Neil Aggett  
A si m'bonanga  
A si m'bonanga umfowethu thina  
Lapha ekhona  
La wa fela khona

Hawu ngithi heyiwena  
Heyi wena  
Heyi wena hawe  
Si you fika nini  
La siya knona  
La siya knona

Translation

Chorus: We haven't seen  
We haven't seen Mandela  
Where he is  
Where he is sitting (confined)

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We are all islands till comes the day  
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Chorus

A seagull wings across the sea  
Borken silence is what I dream  
Who has the words to close the distance  
Between you and me

Chorus

Steven Biko  
We haven't seen  
We haven't seen our brother  
Where he is  
Where he died

Victoria Mxenge  
We haven't seen  
We haven't seen our sister  
Where she is  
Where she died

Neil Aggett  
We haven't seen  
We haven't seen our brother  
Where he is  
Where he died

I say to you  
Hey you  
Hey you and you  
Where are we going to reach our goal/destiny

Where are we going  
Where are we going

(When will we attain our freedom...)

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