

## **Jully Black**

### **"Walima 'mabele"**

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Ngaze ngahamba mina  
Ngashona emoliva  
[I have journeyed until I came to the land of Mooi River]  
Umhlaba waphenduka kulonyaka  
[For this year the earth has been changed]  
Ilanga lakhipha umkhovo etsheni  
[The hot sun drives creatures out from under the  
stones]  
Imvula kayikho madoda  
[Oh man, there is no rain]  
Umuntu walima' mabele  
[And a person has ploughed his millet]  
Chorus:  
Walima' Mabele [he has ploughed the millet]  
Walima' Mabele imvula ka yikhoo  
[He has ploughed the millet and there is no rain]  
Madoda [Oh men]  
Walima' Mabele uusizi lupbhokile  
[He has ploughed the millet and destitution is rife]  
Madoda  
Walima' Mabele  
The sky is clear across the land  
Not a cloud for empty hands  
Who has undone the rain?  
Waiting for a windy day.  
To blow them along to a land of plenty  
Will I every see your people here again?  
'Cause I heard them singing  
Chorus  
Families turn the dry earth  
Burning, burning, burning  
Who has undone the rain?  
Can it be the answer lies  
In a smile from forgotten times  
Will I ever see your face again?  
'Cause I heard them singing  
Chorus  
Who has undone the rain  
I heard your people calling out  
On the dry plains of Africa  
Nothing grows, nothing shows a breath of life

Dry dust in the morning light  
I heard them singing  
Give them your love -- lead them to a land of plenty  
Will I ever see your people here again?  
I heard them singing -- I heard them calling out your  
name  
Will I ever see your face again?

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