

## Miriam Makeba "Soweto Blues"

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The children got a letter from the master  
It said: no more Xhosa, Sotho, no more Zulu.  
Refusing to comply they sent an answer  
That's when the policemen came to the rescue  
Children were flying bullets dying  
The mothers screaming and crying  
The fathers were working in the cities  
The evening news brought out all the publicity:

chorus: "Just a little atrocity, deep in the city"

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Benikuphi ma madoda (where were the men)  
abantwana beshaywa (when the children were throwing  
stones)  
ngezimbokodo Mabedubula abantwana (when the  
children were being shot)  
Benikhupi na (where were you?)

There was a full moon on the golden city  
Looking at the door was the man without pity  
Accusing everyone of conspiracy  
Tightening the curfew charging people with walking  
Yes, the border is where he was awaiting  
Waiting for the children, frightened and running  
A handful got away but all the others  
Hurried their chain without any publicity  
chorus: "Just a little atrocity, deep in the city"

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abantwana beshaywa (when the children were throwing  
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Mabedubula abantwana (when the children were being shot) Benikhupi na (where were you?)

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Soweto blues - abu yethu a mama

Soweto blues - they are killing all the children

Soweto blues - without any publicity

Soweto blues - oh, they are finishing the nation

Soweto blues - while calling it black on black

Soweto blues - but everybody knows they are behind it

Soweto Blues - without any publicity

Soweto blues - they are finishing the nation

Soweto blues - god, somebody, help!

Soweto blues - (abu yethu a mama)

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