

Life Esidimeni became international shock
Like fire ignoring the smoke
Many people - the innocent - died
We all emotionally cried
Tears like acidic rain
We experienced the shower in pain
Why were the "insane" treated with no justice?
Where was the hope, when we were promised to cope?

We now live by fear
And confused having questions to be cleared
For those who are affected directly we must sympathise
And to those affected indirectly we must empathise
I88 is too much from those who were in charge
We deserve to be treated like human mammals
Not like beastical animals

Let's say and pray
Never again the incident of Esidimeni takes place
We are also a people
And we don't have to be treated simple
Coming from a different culture
But God gave us the purpose to live by this structure
Proper treatment, proper care
Under the department's sphere

We must all learn from our mistakes
And learn from these sudden earthquakes
For those that lost their loved ones from someone
God has a purpose I suppose
He created eternal life for mankind
All my fellows deceased - Rest in Peace
Don't rest in political pieces

LIFE ESIDIMENI - a poem
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