

# HEROIC MOTHER

You blazed the path  
to our mothers  
Path of struggle  
Path of defiance to  
injustice.

You led our womenfolk  
out of centuries  
in the background  
shaded by their manfolk  
to march to battle  
alongside men  
indifferent to danger  
or death

Heroic mother  
You ensured that  
we be brought up  
intolerant to enslavement  
That our homes  
be schools in national  
and cultural assertiveness

We, your sons  
In these wild places  
Reaffirm our resolve  
to wipe off the fascist brutes  
and to honour  
your memory.

-Nicholas Radebe