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Dedicated to the children of South Africa.

DE PROFUNDIS — A CRY TO THE WORLD

Out of the depths
we cry to you the world
Please hear our voice
Don't heed the hollow rhetoric
of our oppressors.
Don't hold our acts of desperation
against us.
How else shall we
defend ourselves and survive.
Our streets run red with blood
our blood.
Who but you
are we able to turn to...
for you are humankind.
You are the world out there!
For God's Sake
help us remove the tyrant.
—Out of the depths
of Apartheid South Africa
we cry to you
Please hear our voice.

TOMORROW BELONGS TO US

Tomorrow belongs to us
What shall our future be?
Sheltered in the palm
of Congress hands
we have nothing left to lose
but our chains.
Working under Black, Green and Gold
learning of the things
that we were never told.
— that shall our future be
Building up our country
For all, the wealth to share
No more sickness
No more hunger
No more degradation
No more hate
Tomorrow belongs to us
that shall our future be.

