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It needed time  
for this event of death  
to become a fact of life;  
but the legend persists  
it enters our thoughts and actions.

Legions of people  
their shapes and aspirations untold:  
those who have been oppressed  
or lived with and for the oppressed  
and even they  
who have themselves oppressed  
by willingly or unwittingly  
aiding the oppressor,  
know about this man  
whose smile and twinkling eye  
quietly evoked  
the breadth of land  
the depth of liberation  
we sought after  
fought for  
and still fight  
and die for

to see him  
on platform or picket  
or in more intimate occupation  
was a foresight of our freedom  
the fact of transformation  
as well as its content and character

His image  
a timeless rock  
in the landscape  
of man's liberation  
his weathered profile  
an articulate landmark  
to artisans of history

Yusuf Mohammed Dadoo  
Doc or Mota to friends  
patriot and partisan  
nationalist and internationalist  
implacable opponent  
of tyrants and tyranny  
crusader against apartheid  
carer for all and curer of the oppressed