

Rap: Lack of a man like Zerai Deress

Eritrea paid 60,000 men and women for its independence
Despite this¹, it is with 60,000 prisoners of conscience²
The annual export of the nation is a woman and a man
And its annual import is a gin and a gun
The goal of bringing Eritrea to nought³
It's about going deep without any doubt
Really, lack⁴ of a man like Zerai Deress
The whole nation is in a mess⁵
Zerai was, like many, a son of a humble⁶ farmer
With a hidden quality that shined after
A brave man who zoomed⁷ alone
Like a modern drone
One who has never been afraid to take action
To defend his commitment⁸ and devotion⁹
By now, his history has become part of the tradition
For those who want to fulfil a heroic mission
His name is everywhere like a proverb or a poem
To teach courage and wisdom
He has elevated the Abyssinian history
Facing alone racism and bigotry¹⁰
His life ended in a Sicilian prison
I hope to visit the place next season
The biography recalls the chapters not included
This is why a second look is needed
Any person who dreams to fly from land to sky
never lets such heroism dry
So, to fill our hearts with pride
Let it act as a guide
O! Zerai son of a humble peasant
I wonder why your story is always important?
But, just to let the ignorance fall to zero
Tell me one is born or becomes a hero?
I know that you had no sister
But one brother, Tesfazione and one weapon, scimitar
And I also know that at the age of two you had lost your father
Luckily, you had a loving mother
Finally, I would like to thank those who gave me access
To the reality of Zerai Deress

Word Power

despite this¹ ቪሕኮካ, እዙ
conscience² ሕልሊና
coscienza
nought³ ከንቱ nulla, ዘሮ

lack⁴ ሰአን
humble⁵ ትሑት
mess⁶ ጸይቂ
zoomed⁷ ጅጅብሁል

commitment⁸ ወራይ, ተግባር
devotion⁹ መንፈሳዊነት
bigotry¹⁰ ብዮጎትቲስም
bigottismo, ግብዝንና

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