



Sicalo lesisha



Kedibone Tladi





Tsalalisa abengumfana longeva.
Uneminyaka lelishumi nane. Akalaleli.
Utiphatsa kabi. Babe Motsa ngubabe
waTsalalisa. Akasati kutsi kumele enteni.





“Tsalalisa, wenteni futsi lamuhla?” kumemeta babe waTsalalisa.

“Lomfana utangibulala ngenhlitiyo. Ngikhatsele nguye.”



Takhamuti taseMatsamo besetikhatsela
ngekutiphatsa kabi kwakhe. Tsalalisa
loku, Tsalalisa lokwa. Weba emacandza
netinkhukhu.

Akukho lokumendlulako.





Abefaka bangani bakhe umoya lomubi.
Ahlala abentisa tintfo letimbi.

Abehlupha labanye bantfwana. Abaleka
esikolweni. Abengumentu wetinkinga.



Ngalobunye busuku, ngesikhatsi bonkhe
bantfu balele, wanyonyoba waphuma
ngemnyango longemuva.

Bangani bakhe labatsatfu bebamlindzile
ngaphansi kwesihlahla.





Tsalalisa nebangani bakhe baphula lisango
lesibaya. Kwaba nemsindvo esibayeni.
Bebafuna kweba imbuti lemhlophe
bayitsengise.



Bafana bajaka imbuti lemhlophe. Imbuti lemhlophe yabalekela ngemuva esibayeni. Bafana badvonsa umoya, betama kubamba lembuti. Bashelela bawa. Bakhona kuvuka bayicoshisa.





Ngalesikhatsi lisango lesibaya liphuka,
timbuti tigile bafana tazuba taphuma.
Tabalekela emasimini emmbila
kamakhelwane. Bekubusakasaka emasimini.



Bafana betama kumisa timbuti kepha
behluleka. Baphumelela kubamba imbuti
lemhlophe bayifihla.

Bayifihle emotweni lendzala kute ingabaleki.





Uma babe waTsalalisa avuka, timbuti
betihambile nesibaya singenalutfo. Wema
esangweni leliphukile, adzangele kakhulu.
Abekwati kahle kutsi ngubani lowente loku.



Uma Tsalalisa abona kutsi babe wakhe
udzangele kangakanani, watisola. Wahamba
wayolandza lembuti lemhlophe. Wacolisa
kubabe wakhe futsi watsembisa kutsi
utawulungisa lomonakalo lawentile.





Bafana bahamba bayawufuna timbuti letinye entsabeni.

Batitfola timbuti batichuba tabuyela ekhaya.



Uma bafika ekhaya, balungisa sibaya
babuyisela timbuti esibayeni.





Tsalalisa abedzinga lisu.

Abefuna kulungisa kutiphatsa kwakhe emmangweni.

Abengajabuli kutsi bantfu abamtsandzi.

Waba nembono wekuhlanganisa bangani bakhe bendzawo.



Wabatjela ngembono wakhe wekucala
licembu lelusha lekuhlobisa indzawo. Babuye
bacala nemsebenti wengadze yetibhidvo.
Bapha bantfu labeswele nendzawo
yetintsandzane tibhidvo.





Takhamuti tjabula futsi talekelela ngaletinye tinsita. Emacembu lamanyenti elusito asungulwa, lusha lusita ekhaya lalabadzala.



Tsalalisa ucitsa sikhatsi sakhe lesinyenti nelusha. Ubagcugcutela ngekutiphatsa kahle. Ngemnyaka lophelile, Tsalalisa utfole umklomelo wekuba ngumholi welusha lokahle.





Tsalalisa nesigodzi sonkhe bebajabulele umklomelo nekugucula indlela yekutiphatsa kwakhe. Ekugcineni, Tsalalisa waba sibonelo lesihle ebantfwini labasha.



Umsebenti Tsalalisa lawucalile usachubeka
nalamuhla. Uma lusha lukhula luhamba,
labanye labasha bayangena. Lomsebenti
ungumgogodla wesigodzi saseMatsamo.

