African Mosaic – the African Communal Poem

Africa is ••rich
•complex
not a country•
a massive continent•
of elegant, lyrical and misrepresented
•multitudes••

Africa is Africa•
fetishized•
romanticized•
exaggerated
•understated•
provides world-class fascination•
where i go when my dreams grow wings and take flight•

not defined in relation to other•
mighty lion•
elderly father•
nurturing mother warrior

••Africa is fabulous
generous magic
is Somalia
Benin•
Burkina Faso•
Cape Verde•
Côte D’ivore•
Gambia•
Ghana•
Guinea•
Guinea-Bissau
•Liberia
•Mali•
Mauritania
•Niger
•Nigeria•
Saint Helena•
Senegal
•Sierra Leone•
Togo••

Birthplace of humanity and civilization
the possession of no one

Africa is
Swaziland
• South Africa •
Lesotho
• Namibia
• Botswana •
Madagascar •
Mauritius •
Reunion •
Mayotte •
Comoros •
Ceuta
• Melilla •
Madeira •
Canary Islands •

Africa is Mother
• red earth
bearing the sanguid weight of intersecting histories •
beautiful Western Sahara •
Tunisia •
Sudan
• Morocco •
Libya •
Egypt
• Algeria •

Africa is real and hard and lovely •
it is São Tomé e Princípe •
Gabon •
Equatorial Guinea •
Democratic Republic of the Congo •
The Congo
• Chad •
Central African Republic •
Cameroon
• Angola •

Africa is here
now •
is Zimbabwe •
Zambia •
Uganda •
Tanzania •
Seychelles •
Rwanda •
Mozambique •
Ethiopia •
Malawi •
Kenya •
Eritrea •
Djibouti •
Burundi

• • Africa is 2000 languages spoken •
by 1 billion individuals • • •

Africa is the beginning •
where sharp blue sky strikes •
hard red earth and • bleeds
deep dark red bissap •
delicate baobab sapling white green •
green that pushes to the sky
• rolls over plains and holds life of every hue •
green • •

viva Africa viva