Freedom Songs

1. IGAMA LIKA

Igama like Mandela/Sisulu/Helen Joseph/Neil Aggett.
Malibongwe
Malibongwe, Malibongwe, Malibongwe, Malibongwe

The name is:

Praise it

2. MANDELA MANDELA

Mandela, Mandela
Mandela prescribes for freedom
Mandela says freedom now
Now we say away with slavery
In our land of Africa

Rolihlahla
Rolihlahla Mandela
Freedom is in your hands
Show us the way to freedom
In our land of Africa

SON MANDELA

Nelson Mandela was born in the Transkei. He studied law at Wit. He was a founder member of the ANC Youth League in 1943 and was instrumental in transforming the political strategy of the ANC from one of representation and petitions to the South African and British governments to one of resistance, reliance on apartheid, and the building of the ANC into a mass-based organisation. After more than 20 years in prison, he has not been forgotten, and is still seen by many as the true leader of South Africa’s people.

WALTER SISULU

Walter Sisulu was also born in the Transkei. He was a district worker in East London and then a worker on the gold mines in the Witwatersrand. He joined the ANC in the early 1940s and was a founder member of the ANC Youth League. He was General Secretary of the organisation and played a major role leading the mass work of the 1950s.

HELEN JOSEPH

Helen Joseph, born in England, became involved in the Congress of Democrats after WW2. She played a key role in organising the democratic protests of South African women against apartheid and against passes for women. She was arrested in 1956 and sentenced to ten years in prison. She endured the treason trial in 1956. She is still a symbol of the struggle against apartheid, and may not be.

NEIL AGGETT

Neil Aggett studied medicine at UCT and then became a full time organiser for the United Democratic Front and Congress Worker's Union, whilst working at Baragwanath Hospital. He was arrested in 1963, and in detention in South Africa. He died in custody in 1977. A national half hour telecast was called to commemorate his death.
3. UNZIMA LOMTHWALO

Unzima lomthwalo, ufuna simanyane.
Asikhatali nobasi�abotshwa
Sizimisele 'khululeko
Khululeko, khululeko, khululeko asinayo.
Thina 'bantwana baseAfrika
Sizimisele 'khululeko

The burden of oppression is heavy
We need to unite
Even if we are being arrested or detained
We are determined for freedom
Freedom, We do not have it

We, children of Africa
We are determined for freedom

4. SENZENINA

Senzenina (x8)
Amabhulu Azizinja (x8)
Mayibuye iAfrika (x8)

What have we done
The Boers are dogs
Let Africa return

5. MANDELA WETHU

Mandela wethu
Somlandela, somlandela
Noba siyaboshwa
Somlandela, somlandela
Nase majele
Somlandela

Our Mandela, we follow him
Despite detention, we follow him
Even in jail, we follow him

6. IBANTU EDUCATION SYSTEM

iBantu Education system, malupele (x2)
Malupele, malupele, malupele, malupele
Thina abafundi sithi, malupele (x2)
Thina basebenzi sithi, malupele (x2)
iBantu Education sithi, malupele (x2)

The Bantu Education system, let it end
Let it end
We the students say: let it end
We the workers say: let it end
Bantu Education: let it end

7. THINA SIZWE

Thina sizwe, esimnyama
Sikhalela izwe lethu
Elathathwa ngamabhulu
Mabawuyuke umhlaba wethu
Abantwana b'eAfrika
Bakhelela izwe lethu
Elathathwa ngamabhulu
Mabawuyuke umhlaba wethu

We the black nation
Save our land
It was taken by the boers
They must leave our land alone
Children of Africa
Grieve for our land

8. THINA SILULUTSHA

Thina silulutsha, asinakabulawa (x2)
Asoze sabulawa, ngalamaxaxa sisebatsha (x2)
Sisebatsha, Sisebatsha, sisebatsha, sisebatsha (x2)

We are the youth, we shall not be killed
We are not going to be killed by the boers
Whilst we are still young
9. WENA PW BOTHA

O wena PW Botha
Kuthenina kunjenjenje
O wena PW Botha
Kuthenina kunjenjenje
O thina siyabuza
Baphi Omandela

You PW Botha
Why is it like this
We are asking
Where is mandela

10. HLANGANANI BAFUNDI

(Hlanganani bafundi) Hlanganani (x4)
Ikhona leltlangano, iNUSASi/COSAS/AZASO (x4)
(Manyanani basebenzi) Manyanani (x4)
Ikhona lelangano ngabasebenzi (x4)
'Manyanani abafazi) Manyanani (x4)
Ikhona leltlangano iUWO (x4)

Unite
Mobilize students
There is an organisation, NUSAS, etc
Unite workers
There is an organisation for the workers
Unite women
There is an organisation, UWO

11. ANGENA MAJONI

Angena 'majoni
Amajoni aseAfrika (x2)
Masiye, masiye kusebenza
Umsebenzi waseAfrika (x2)

Come in soldiers
Soldiers of Africa
Let us come and work
The work of Africa

uMandela ufuna amjoni
Amajoni enkululeko
Unzima, unzima loomsebenzi
Umsebenzi wenkululeko

Mandela wants soldiers
Soldiers for freedom
The work is heavy
The work of freedom

12. NQO Sithi NQO

(Nqo sithi nqo) singabasebenzi
(Nqo balapha) balaph'eAfrika
(Phakamanzi) pakhamani basebenzi
Siqonde phambili

Knock, we say knock, we are the workers
Knock, we are here, we are here in Africa
Rise up workers
We are going forward

13. VULA BOTHA

Vula Botha, Siyankqonqoza (x2)
Khululu Mandela, Asikhokole (x2)

Release Botha, our leader (x2)
As to lead us
14. BAMTHATHA
Bamthatha, bamthatha, bambe ka elsiand
Wasuka wakhala wathi Amndla (x2)
Khawuthulu Nelson, thula
Thula Nelson, thula (x2)
Khulul'i sizwe
Khawuthetha Winnie, thetha
Thetha Winnie, thetha (x2)
Khulul'i sizwe

15. UMANYANO
Umanyano bomama notata
Umanyano, umanyano (x2)
Umanyano bomama notata
Sibuyis'i Afrika

Thandazani bomama notata
Thandazani, thandazani (x2)
Thandazani bomama notata
Sibuyis'i Afrika

16. THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
Nkosi sikele 'Afrika
Maluphekemis 'uphondo Iwayo
Yive nemithandazo ye'hu
Nkosi sikalela
Thina lusapho iwayo (x2)
Woza Moya (x2)
Sikalele nkosi sikalela
Woza Moya oyinowele
Nkosi sikalela
Thina lusapho iwayo

Morena boluka (x2)
Sechaba sa heso
Ophidi sedintwa le matcwele ho
O se Boluka (x2)
Sechaba sa heso
Sechaba sa Afrika

Makube njalo (x2)
Kude kube ngunaphakade (x2)