

Ndaba Sibanda

Bulawayo`s Benediction

if ever there was a beautiful  
brook, then she is the one  
she is a brook whose waters  
are destined to deal once  
and for all with Bulawayo`s  
perennial droughts & dupes  
our royal city has a capacity  
to produce game-changers  
and Busisiwe is one of them  
Busisiwe is Bulawayo`s pride  
a philanthropist whose work  
speaks a lot about her love  
for humanity and the city  
what lurks within her soul  
is not a malady but a melody  
exemplary is her track record:  
orphanages, scholarships, jobs  
a sleaze-buster, a bold builder  
of homes ,hopes and horizons  
her song is a doer and a dancer  
hers is a song that plays & floats  
within the depth of her heart  
it inspires, stirs, and galvanizes  
hearers to become nothing  
else but heirs and heiresses,  
humble heroes and heroines  
what dances within her heart

are the metaphors and mirrors  
of souls whose lives & dreams  
and destinies have been touched  
& transformed & blessed for posterity  
her name solely means The Blessed One  
a selfless beauty, she is a blessing to the city  
a superwoman, she is human ,solid & afloat  
for Bulawayo`s blues to be overcome, ownership  
has to be reclaimed, concerted efforts applied  
as far as Busisiwe is concerned, sleaze has no home  
in the city if residents want it to be magnificent again