

Poetry for Peace

Great Darfur

*Darfur is great and strong sheltering many people
All Darfur races were once united and equal
But then it changed because the people lost their way
We used to cultivate our crops together and together we milked our cattle
We nurtured our cattle together
Goodness prevailed in our urban and rural areas
When we were in the open, the cooking fire sparkled among us
The Zahra sang and Hawaya ululated
My son was your son
We lived together in hunger and shared our food.*

Sumia Mohamed Abdalla

Mother Darfur should flourish

*The problem among us is not a futile story
We fight with each other but life does not last for ever
Let us build Darfur, the region we love.*

*O young people!
Beat racism and unite your world with truth and sincerity
Let us build and reconstruct Darfur, soon and with pure hearts
Let us allow mother Darfur to flourish.*

*O Ma-aza! o Mardiya!
Let us cultivate the valley's saplings with axes and spades
Let us allow mother Darfur to flourish.*

*O our people of the native administration!
Unite Darfur's tribes with no racism
Let us allow mother Darfur to flourish.*

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