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People are willing to fight  
Yes, this country, the mighty country  
People fight for human rights

So, we're still walking - yeah, - we still talking  
'Bout the Republic of South Africa - the RSA  
We are walking - and - we are talking  
'Bout the Republic of South Africa - the RSA

Wimoweh, wimoweh, wimoweh,  
Talk about the grand RSA  
What'd we say, what'd we say, what'd we say  
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One of the world's largest countries  
Has three capital cities  
Cape Town, Pretoria, and Bloemfontein  
Johannesburg the largest city seen  
RSA has 59 million people, in fact  
Variety of ethnic groups, 80% Black

Constitutionally - languages are 11  
Speak them all and go straight to heaven  
But first numerous problems to solve  
Challenging to absolve  
#10 in world for homicide\*  
Female Genital Mutilization (FGM) we abhor  
But exists here as well as there so covertly  
Preventing it requires reporting alertly

Pretoria



\* Homicide Rates: RSA = (33.97 per 100k people; Canada - 1.68 per 100k people)

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As diverse as RSA may claim  
Xenophobic attacks and riots remain  
One of our members experienced such  
With her children camping in the bush  
“For Europeans Only” the playground sign read  
That was in the 1970’s. What’s now instead?  
Between 1984 and 2018  
More than 500 xenophobic attacks - how mean

Soweto Pride 2012 participants protest against violence against lesbians. The country has strong human rights laws but some groups are still discriminated against. It is the first country in Africa to recognise same-sex marriage



Human Rights, yes; but still must fight  
Rape’s a battle that’s just not right  
The virgin cleansing myth  
Once thought to cure syphilis  
Now with HIV/AIDS so rampant  
Men’s desire for virgins is constant  
Highest world rates of child and infant rape  
National outrage, but no way for virgin to escape

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On a more positive note  
One that I'm sure will get your vote  
In 2006, same-sex marriages became legal  
In RSA, differing cultures blend quite beautifully  
Giving the country an identity unique

Rites of passage are in all societies  
Linking the individual, their communities  
and the world's spirituality  
Infants arrive from the spiritual world  
With information, talents, a mission to pearl  
Once the mission is determined,  
The naming ceremony can begin



Next initiation to adulthood is quite an  
opportunity  
For 3 - 6 weeks, pubescents are  
removed from the community  
Circumcision and education too  
About male & female rules and  
taboos



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Joining two families and two mission  
Is the purpose of African marriage  
tradition  
Monogomous for women, but not for  
men  
In 1998 legal polygamy began



The council of elders in communities  
Provide leadership, wisdom, advice,  
unity  
Elder's who are chosen have  
demonstrated focus  
On building community, helping  
others, nothing bogus



Last but not least, selection of  
national ancestors  
Honoured for their life's endeavours  
Every healthy community must have  
local heroes  
Whose distinction is celebrated with  
ceremonial throws

Maybe now you'd like something to eat  
Dutch, British, Asia, Indian and more diverse culinary treats  
How 'bout chakalaka, samp and malva pudding  
See the small print below if you're wondering

Chakalaka = spicy chilli type dish; Samp = coarsly ground maze drink; Malva pudding = rich  
sweet cake





Conservation and overpopulation,  
 Sprawling development and deforestation  
 Threatening the welfare of of the land  
 In 2014, 1215 rhinos were killed - not grand  
 Climate change, heat waves, drought, and fires  
 Lead to more species extinction than we desire

IV/AIDS threatens the health of the  
 nation  
 Sure no reason of celebration  
 RSA has the world's highest  
 number  
 afflicted  
 CIA's world facebook reports  
 7.2 million people inflicted  
 About 10% die annually  
 So turn the page manually  
 Read about SLF initiatives  
 They are very affirmative

