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AMIL CABRAL

a threnody

The vultures danced all night
The mass of shadows mourned
on the Wailing Wall -
Blood curled in ferocious voices
Calling to the Youth of Africa!
A death desperate with Optimism
Charts in silence
A continent stained with treachery.
Children of Africa
Children of the world -
Freedom unites and furthers History
Written on the vast
Contours outlined by
 Vietnamese corpses
 Brazilian cadavers
In the face blighted by Imperialism.

So, regain the fallen gun

And defend the cause.

Ntongela Masilela

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