# Let's recite poems



Author: Ange IKIREZI TUYISENGE



Illustrator: Max B. BYIRINGIRO

#### Sankofa Creatives LTD

sankofacr@gmail.com www.sankofacreatives.rw

Story by © Ange Ikirezi TUYISENGE.

First published by SANKOFA CREATIVES LTD in 2018.

The English translation of this book is open licensed to the public for download and/or print; to share, whether print or digital on social media platforms; make copies/photocopies.

The above said rights granted to the general public are meant for education purposes only and do not include the sale, or generating any sort of income.

Any commercial use is reserved to the publisher/licensor.

Book design by © BYIRINGIRO B. Max Illustrations by © BYIRINGIRO B. Max

# Let's recite poems



Author: Ange IKIREZI TUYISENGE Illustrator: B. Max BYIRINGIRO





### Let me thank you

My beloved mother, a beautiful parent we owe everything, let me thank you.

You breastfed me when I was a baby, you gave me love that will forever be with me, let me thank you.

I went to school but you stayed close, you are forever appreciated.





All children go to school, where we get knowledge and skills, let us all go to school.

Come all and go to school, say no to ignorance, build our country, prosper and say goodbye to poverty.

Let us all go to school, get out of the streets, the longer you stay the more you lose your worth and your dignity.

In school you learn more, in school you discover a lot, in school you become innovative, let us all go to school.



# Hygiene Everywhere

Whether on your body, hygiene is crucial Whether on your clothes, hygiene is crucial Hygiene everywhere, Hygiene always.

In that bedroom, hygiene is crucial In that kitchen, hygiene is crucial Hygiene everywhere, Hygiene always.

There at school, hygiene is crucial There at the hospital, hygiene is crucial Hygiene in my home, Hygiene in your home.





#### Peace in our homes

Peace in our home, peace in your home and peace in their home Let's strive for peace

Stop the conflicts and strive for peace Stop being mean and strive for peace

Let us all love each other, love all, help all, be kind to all.

You are the same as me, I am the same as you, let us give each other value and strive for peace.



# My little flower

My little flower, my beautiful flower, where it's planted there is a breeze. Those who live there, they cherish it, those who don't they cry for help.

When you destroy that garden, cut down without planting those trees and burn those forests, my little flower disappears from view.

When you cut without planting, those who know nothing give you money, dry lands all around, my little flower disappears from view.

The little flower I am talking about is nothing else, but those forests, those parks and those trees on the roads, help me protect my little flower.



## They are just like you

Even though they can't see what's around them, walk quietly, their heart is peaceful, they are just like you.

Even though you speak and they don't hear, address them but they respond not, they are able and they do more than you can imagine, they are just like you.

It's sad the way they were born, where they pass, they mock them even though they never chose to be the way they are, but they are just like you.

Those who are unaware they call them crazy, those they greet they run away, it's not because they don't want to look like you, but they are indeed just like you.



### She is able

They call her a lady, others call her "Home-maker", her job is to bear children. She is excluded in all the parties but although she is able.

There in school, she is in the first place, the greatest marks are hers alone, she owns the most merit medals, let's give her a chance and see the good she does because she is able.

In the battle, she is on the frontline, in her district she strives for the best, in the parliament she has a voice.

In our home, she takes good care of us, let's give her a platform, she is able.



# Fight against laziness

When you don't work, you don't eat.
When you don't learn, you don't succeed
and when you don't plant, you don't reap,
don't be lazy.

Don't waste time, get up and work Tomorrow is better, don't be lazy.

Don't wait to do much, the good few is better. Work and work well and don't be lazy.

If you care about your future, start now to prepare, there is only one way, fight against laziness.





Our language is our wealth, our language unites us
Our language is our gold, a treasure to all Rwandans.

It unites us all Rwandans, it unites us all Rwandans.

It is used everywhere in Rwanda, it's a treasure to all Rwandans.

Some don't know its beauty; they diverge from the source and abandon the language which is the pillar of our culture.

Let us learn well our language, speak it well, write it well and love it more.



