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**out are the first spark that kindles the fire**

**That nurtures our daring and restless desire**

**On journeys across the wilderness plain**

**You light up the way: our African flame**

**You are the red bloom that graces the tree**

**That rises from ash, a wonder to see**

**In nature resplendent, we honour your name**

**You burn with great beauty: our African flame**

**You are the fierce blaze that forges the soul**

**That touches the sky and makes the earth whole**

**Through hardship and toil, in fortune and fame**

**You burn with great faith: our African flame**

**You are the hot coal that glows in the night**

**That gives us the strength to stand up and fight**

**Deep passion’s a fire nobody can take**

**You burn with great hope: our African flam**