African Flame

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You 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 flame