The first copy of Beyond Memory was presented to the first state president of the democratic, non-racial and non-sexist Republic of South Africa, Dr R.N. Mandela, on his 90th Birthday.

THANK YOU TATA
As a child I learned you were a Prisoner
Your Rivonia Trial became a Protest
Later History taught me you were a Prince.
On the island you were Prominent
To millions of Blacks you were a Prophet.
On your release you wished us Prosperity
Reconciliation is what you Preached.
Through the struggle you became President
Your inauguration was Prestigious.
As author your pen is Prolific.
You chose to be a Premier Pensioner
You continue to be our Principal.
A globe-trotter who champions Projects
You make all South Africans Proud
Not long ago you rushed to Paris
To save humanity from Perish.
Your 46664 campaign is a Platform
To fight the HIV/AIDS Plague.
Arrow, arrow shoot away Prostate
Arrow, please shoot away Ulcer
Arrow, kindly shoot away Cancer.
Mother, Mother, Mother Nature
Father, Father, Father Future
Please give him more Coffee
No, not yet a Coffin.
100 is Mighty
So is Ninety.
DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my friend, my uncle and my mentor, Matsetsebale Athanas Mojapelo, who was known to the music fraternity as “Bra Jimmy”. He was the most knowledgeable, straight-talking, professional and progressive person I had the privilege of knowing. His blindness opened my eyes.