

LIFE TO ALL LIFE!

Life to Waters, Life to Fishes!

Life to Forests, Life to Beasts,

Life to all Life!

“Life to all Life!” is the golden African prayer;

Think biodiversity and think “Life to all Life!”

Dream biodiversity and dream “Life to all Life!”

“Life to all Life!” is the golden African prayer;

Uphold biodiversity and uphold “Life to all Life!”

Promote biodiversity and promote “Life to all Life!”

Life to Woman, Life to Man!

Life to Flowers and Life to Eggs,

Life to all Life!

“Life to all Life!” is the golden African prayer;

Advocate biodiversity and advocate “Life to all Life!”

Guard biodiversity and guard “Life to all Life!”

“Life to all life!” is the golden African prayer;

Pray biodiversity and pray “Life to all life!”

Sing biodiversity and sing “Life to all life!”

Life to Rainbow, Life to Clouds!

Life to Sunshine and Life to Rain.

Life to all Life!

“Life to all life!” is the golden African prayer;

Work for biodiversity and work for “Life to all life!”

Celebrate biodiversity and celebrate “Life to all Life!”

“Life to all life!” is the golden African prayer;

Love biodiversity and love “Life to all life!”

Live biodiversity and live “Life to all life!”

Life to Mountains, Life to Valleys!

Life to Sky and Life to Birds.

Life to all Life!

About the poem

I have written this poem in honour of this day, 22 May 2012, in celebration of Biodiversity. It is inspired by the Golden African prayer "Life to all Life!". Part of the aim of this poem is to draw attention; create awareness this traditional African fact; which ill-conceptualized modernization seeks to mask. I believe if people become conscious of this fact they will be much more supportive of a green economic development paradigm.

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