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# **Dancing Sisters**



Sculpture created from Serpentine in 2000 by Dominic Benhura

### **African Child**

Victoria Hasheela

I'm a child of Africa Daughter of terrific nature In a beautiful black skin Under a glorious sun

Firewood I must collect Mama porridge to prepare Off to school I should run My dream to fulfil

I wish it was my turn
To take the Science book home
So much I need to learn
But I should understand
They are not enough

I'm an African child But for some reason I have A heavy load to bear Whose sin I'm paying for Remains a question on my mind

But through diseases and pain
Due to lack of vaccines
Through poverty and hunger
Due to lack of support
I'll still run my race
Africa is my pride

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