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Vanuatu



On The World Map

Black Stone

By Grace Mera Molisa (a ni-Vanuatu poet)

Black Stone
molten lava
solidified.

Solid
jagged forms
starkly
awe inspiring.

Black Stone
Core of creation
Basis of being
Demi god.

Black Stone
flowing free
from depths unknown
a vicious form
coagulated

Jet black
sleeping fortress
weather rock
come wind or shine.

Black Stone
hard
and obstinate
indelible
solidity.

Black Stone
bird of wealth
solid bedrock
dwelling of death.

Eternal essence
of immortal soul's
steadfast fixture
founding Man's
physical cosmos.

Threshold
of the spirits
transfixed
to the stable
equilibrium
of constancy
and permanence.

Black Stone
immovable
immobile
Black Stone.



Grace Mera Molisa

About the poet

- Born in Aoba Island, Vanuatu, in 1946
- Died in Port Vila, Vanuatu, in 2002
- Molisa was a ni-Vanuatu politician, poet and campaigner for women's equality in politics
- Molisa created Vanuatu's National Arts Festival
- She also set up the committee which chose Vanuatu's flag, national anthem, coat of arms and motto.



About the poem

- How do you feel after reading it?
- Which lines or words resonated with you and why?
- What would you say the main theme of this poem is?