

Gabi, Gabi

South African freedom and/or praise song; Zulu language

English words by Bruce McCormack

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pronunciation guide of Zulu words:

Gabi, Gabi: gah-bee, gah-bee,
bash' abazalwan': bahsh ah-bahz-ahl-wahn
Siyoshiywa khona: see-yoh-shee-wah koh-nah
Sidal' ubuzalwan': see-dahl oob-ooz-ahl-wahn

*no direct translation;
 known as a freedom song and/or praise song.*

a possible translation:
 Praise the Father,
 Liberator Lord;
 He frees all the captives
 And gives the hungry bread.

*English words by Bruce McCormack, as sung by
 the Gettin' Higher Choir of Victoria BC Canada:*

**Joy returning
 Opens up our hearts!
 The long night of darkness fades in the morning light
 And all of creation wakes up to share the light.**