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Love Songs

TSAKANI CHAMBO

Write me a ballad for
my beautiful sisters
with skin like sunset
skin like the earth
skin darker than the blue
that infiltrates the night sky

Hum me the hymn
about the girls with eyes like mud
with eyes whose deep
darkness causes you
to see nothing but light

Play me the tune
for the girl with the hair
that will trap your fingers
in its thickness
as if to say
"you thought
that you could
just run through,
but the love that lives here
demands the promise
that you'll stay
always."

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