



Voortrekker's Angels

Ten intrepid women rose to the mission
To buy the life of a single male, without condition,
From all walks of life and continents we came,
North America, Europe, Africa ... united in the same
Passion for a Namibian desert bull elephant named 'Voortrekker'.

Angels we called ourselves as we strode across the sand,
A trek of endurance in this ancient, arid land.
With thundering pulses we clambered craters and ravines,
Through miles of stony thorn scrub where ocean's floor has been,
United for a Namibian desert bull elephant named 'Voortrekker'.

Fair feet blistered raw and tender heels bled galore
We endured extreme pain and then more.
But the magnificent desert expanse filled our souls,
As we battled with our water intake control
All for the love of a Namibian desert bull elephant named 'Voortrekker'.

When rampant heat and fatigue beat us down,
Stately oryx and springbok cleared our frowns.
Mirages of his future generations hovered close by
Reminding fellow Angels the reason why
We endure for a Namibian desert bull elephant named 'Voortrekker'.

Poisonous euphorbia, scorpions and spiders
Filled our vision as dolomite valleys grew wider.
Cacti and lichen crunched underfoot our boots,
Shimmering sun and wind tore at the Angels to suit.
Challenging our belief in a Namibian desert bull elephant named 'Voortrekker'.

'Where are we going?' the front striders cried
To the stalwart leader by our tender sides.
'Slow down please' the strollers called in despair '
As valiant Angels struggled on, bringing up the rear.
Hallucinating about a Namibian desert bull elephant named 'Voortrekker'.

Thousands and thousands of dollars we raised
To stop so called hunting by the depraved.
The EHRA work will continue unabated
It's conservation appetite not yet sated
Following the tracks of a Namibian desert bull elephant named 'Voortrekker'.

And as the Angels return to the banality of our mundane lives
Safe in the knowledge that he continues to thrive,
We reflect back on our enduring bond of sisterhood
Proud we delivered what we said we would.
We saved the life of a desert bull elephant named 'Voortrekker'!