

Thank you, for loving me- *dankie, dat jy my lief het*

To express gratitude for love is seldom proclaimed in English. In Afrikaans, adoration takes on another meaning. To love is to relate, hold, and understand, while we are not the same we are malleable and willing to treasure each other. *Dankie* extends beyond commiseration, it is completion, words that record themselves, and if you let it, will bestow you with their meaning of the story of time. *Dat jy my lief het*, for loving me, is an eternal symbol of grief and the healing bond of relationships, ones that go forever, bringing time to us.

In Afrikaans, love is unconditional. It is rough, built on the foundation of one's story, one we can preserve, and bequeath to our children. It is the reason we persevere. To be loved is to be seen, unbashful, brave and comfortable in mutual quietitude. *Dankie, dat jy my lief het*, thank you, for loving me, me and my home, one that is more than corruption. It is a continent, country, culmination of purpose; one worth being loved.