



Watoto wa Nta

Southern African Folktale
Kiswahili



Hapo zamani za kale,
paliishi familia yenye
furaha.





Hawakugombana hata kidogo.

Watoto waliwasaidia wazazi nyumbani na shambani.

Lakini, walikatazwa
kwenda karibu na moto.





Walifanya kazi zao zote usiku.

Hii ni kwa sababu walikuwa wameumbwa
kwa nta.



Lakini, kijana mmoja
alitamani kwenda nje
wakati wa mchana.

Siku moja tamaa ya
kwenda nje ikazidi.

Wenzake wakamwonya
asiende juani.

Lakini, hakusikia.





Aliyeyuka kwa sababu
joto lilikuwa kali.

Watoto wa nta
walihuzunika walipoona
kaka yao akiyeyuka.





Wakapanga jambo
fulani.

Walichukua nta
iliyoyeyuka
wakatengeza ndege.

Wakamweka ndege
huyo juu ya mlima
mrefu.





Jua lilipochochoza
asubuhi, akapeperuka
akiimba kwa furaha.

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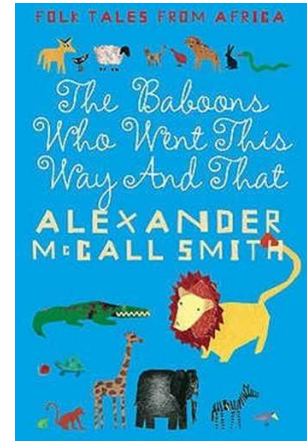
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Wax in Alexander McCall Smith's
book of folktales: The Baboons Who
Went This Way and That
(Canongate, 2006).

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