

RE-IMAGINING DEMOCRACY: IN SEARCH OF SILENCED VOICES

“Silenced youth wanting to be unsilenced”

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Silenced by the trauma birthed
from society's sick tendencies
Abuse that isn't just physical or
sexual but also abuse in that
society has somehow successfully
imprisoned our mentality by deeming
 the youth as lazy, lovers of destructive
 tendencies and lacking ambitions of a
 moral fibre purely acted in innocence

How can democracy be our daily bread
when there are one too many silenced voices?
 The youth is silenced by society believing in
 its stereotypes rather than in its youth
 the youth of 1976 won't necessarily have
 the same problems as the youth termed
 born frees or born in the excitement of
 imaging democracy as fought for
 It doesn't mean we're not fighting
 for a good cause

Our voices are desperate to narrate
the good in us and in our actions and intentions
The Fees Must Fall movement is
one of many great examples
The born frees and those born in the
excitement of imaging a new South Africa,
we shall continue to fight for our voices
to be completely heard by all After all,
 we are the silenced youth wanting to be unsilenced.