



The following poem was recited at the Defend Our Democracy rally on **18 April 2021**. The online rally hosted an array of speakers from across sectors sharing their messages of support for the campaign.

Defend Our Democracy campaign themes:

- Defend our constitutional democracy- eradicate state capture and stop the corruption and looting in the public and private sector
- Calling for action to be taken against the dangerous destabilisation activities of private militias
- Speaking up against unwarranted and unsubstantiated attacks on the independent judiciary
- Demanding accountability and deepening participatory democracy to achieve socio-economic justice

#DefendOurDemocracy

By Isaac Moroe

*We are told,
It's not raining,
but it's pouring.*

Yet

*We don't feel a drop!
As we are drenched
In this deluge of sleaze
Amidst reeking poverty.*

We

The people,

*Witness to greed
And searing deceit,
When our world
Seems to orbit in reverse
As our promise to our future
Is walking on its head.*

*We the masses,
Can't even hold out
As our weak hands
Battle to receive
The shameful alms
Substituting our rights.*

*In our view
The seasons are no more,
And only the mournful winter
Remains tearing into our hearts
Like pieces of a shattered mirror
Stabbing cruelly into our dreams
For our tortured country.*

*Where are we?
What is this desert
Into which we have been tossed?
Who are we?
In whose image
Have we constructed ourselves
To have become subjects
To these uncaring lords?*

We are the people!
And we shall fight!
Always we shall fight!
To restore our dignity
And move our world forward
Out of this rot.