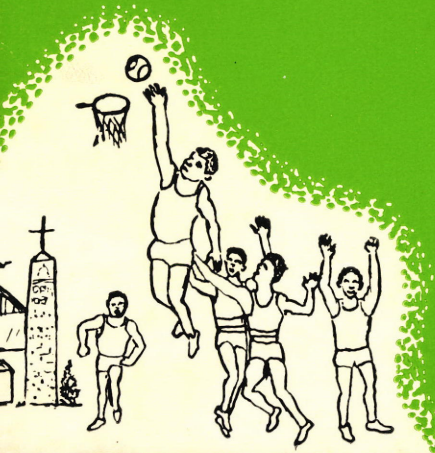




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SINGENISO

Santi John Bosco, noma Don Bosco, libito labetsandza kakhulu kubitwa ngalo, wakhula, wacitsa kakhulu sikhatsi sakhe, nemphilo yakhe, kusukela ebuntfwaneni bakhe etama kwelapha sintfu, etinhluphekweni letihambisana nemphilo yanyalo. Abona ingoti yemagagasi noma umgugu lowawudvonsa, futsi udvukisa linyenti lalabo lababefisa kutfola imphilo lenekwahlulela lokuhle, watiphonsa ngenhloko emkhatsini wensha nemiti yebantfu phaca, ayikhombisa indlela lencono, lecondze endzaweni lelungile emphilweni yasemhlabeni nasemphilweni yakulelitako.

Don Bosco bekangasiye umuntfu wemavi lamanyenti. Bekatsandza kwenta tintfo kunekukhuluma ngekutsi tentiwa njani. Indlela yakhe yekufundzisa labasha akazange ayibhale phasi kabanti njengoba kuvame kwentiwa tincwecwe kute-mfundvo. Bekasebentisa sibonelo ngemphilo labekayiphila yena ngekwakhe. Nakabutwa ngelisu lakhe, nangemphumelelo yalomsebenti wakhe wekufundzisa labasha wavele waphendvula watsi: "Lutsandvo lwensha kuphela."

Bekanendlela yakhe letsite Don Bosco, indlela lebekati-fundzele yona ngetici tebantfu balamuhla. Tici letifana ngekuticabangela kwebantfu ngetintfo letiphatselene nabo kuphela bangenandzaba labanye. Nangetici letitike noma letijulile kakhulu esakhiweni semiphakatsi yalamuhla, lehlala ikhulumisa kwebantfwana ngekulinganiswa kwesintfu ngaphandle kwekubukisisa lizinga lemfundvo noma lwemcebo noma ngebukhulu phakatsi kwemuntfu nemuntfu noma kwemnakabo nemnakabo bekalwati kakhulu ludvonsi lwebuhlungu bemavi labuphukuphuku nalaletsa lusizi macondzana nebantfukatana labaphakanyiswa ngemavi, kodvwa ngetento babe babehlisela phansi ebugcilini, lenkhululeko yalamuhla, aphakamisa emagameni sibane semcabango wesintfu lesikhanya kalufifi, futsi lesiya ngekuya sifilita kakhulu uma sesicatsaniswa netibane taphakadze tetinkhanyeti teliZulu.

Don Bosco watimisela futsi waphumela ebaleni ngekusebentela bantfu, abahola ngenhlitiyo yaJesu, anelwati lolujulile ngetidzingo tesintfu. Don Bosco wekucala ngca — ekubeni sifunyuwa saKhristu kuletinsuku talamuhla.

Ekucaleni kwesikolwa semaSalesian, kwakuyintfo levamile kutsi bafana bafundze umlandvo wemphilo yaJohn Bosco ngaphambi kwekulala. Ngalandlela bafana bebatfola litfuba lekumati kabanti umsunguli wenhlangano yemaSalesian. Futsi ngalandlela kungatsi nabo bafana babatfola litfuba lekutihlanganisa imphilo yakhe leyayakhelwe esimeni lesifana nesabo bafana. Akungabateki kutsi bafana babeyitsandza indlela Don Bosco bekatama ngayo, kususa tetsiyo letativimba imitamano yakhe yekutfolela imfundvo. Kungatsi banyenti bafana labakhutsatwa sibonelo sakhe kutsi babeketele nabo, ngesikhatsi bekhwela intsaba, bafuna emasu ekuphumelelisa imfundvo yabo.

Ngekuchubeka kweminyaka lapho sikolwa sesiyekela kwem-ukela bafana labafundza bahlala esikolweni (kubhoda phela), akuzange kusenteka kutsi kungeniswe kufundvwa kwalom-landvo wemphilo yaDon Bosco eluhlelweni lwetifundvo. Loku kwabangelwa kuminyana kweluhlelo lwetifundvo. Ngalesosizatfu banyenti bafana labangena baze baphume esikolweni bangazange bafundziswe kahle umlandvo wem-cambi nemkhutsati wemsebenti wemaSalesian emkhatsini wensha.

Kuhunyushwa kwalencwadzi yaDon Bosco letsi: "The Friend of Youth"; kumbe: "UMngani Wensha", lebhawle ngu-F.A. Forbes, ngumsebenti waNkhosikati Mildred Dlamini. Ngayo kuyetsenjwa kutsi siyawufezeka sifiso sekulhlangabetana nesibalo lesikhulu lesikhula minyaka yonkhe sebafana bemaSalesian — bafana labaphuma bangakalifoli litfuba lekwati kahle ngalomlandvo wemphilo yaDon Bosco.

Umsebenti wekuhunyushwa kwalencwadzi kusuke kanye nekungeniswa kwesiSwati etikolweni letingemasekhondari eSwatini, sitsatsa indzawo yesiZulu. Lomsebenti wentiwe yinkhosikati yemuti wayo. Make Mildred Dlamini uwentelomsebenti ngetinyanga letimbalwa. Bekawubambe ngesandla sinye, ngalesinye afunta bantfwana aphindze ababhayelesinhwa.

Kubuketwa kwalencwadzi kutsatse sikhatsi lesidze. Emsebentini wakhe Make Dlamini abelekelelwa ngu-Fr. Moses Lupupa neMnumzane Joseph Musi. Nawusacalwa lomsebenti kwakukhona neMnumzane Maswazi Dlamini. Yena-ke indzawo yakhe yagcina seyitsetfwe nguReginald Myeza.

Konkhe loku kwenta kutsi umsebenti wephute kakhulu kuwuphetsa. Loku-ke kwabangelwa bumatima bekuhlungana kweKomidi lebuketa umsebenti lohunyushiwe. Letinye tizatfu letabangela loku: Kwekucala-nje emalunga aleKomidi anemisebenti leyehlukene etindzaweni letehlukene.

Asingalibali nakancane kusho kutsi lencwadzi ayin-akutigabisa ngalutfo njengaletinye tincwadzi. Kodvwa noko kubukeka sengatsi umfundzi kukhona langakutfo kuyo Umhumushi walencwadzi uyetsemba kutsi ngayo lutawenela lwati ngalelichawe lemaKhristu nelucwecwe lwathishela nemgani walabasha. Wetsamba futsi kutsi Don Bosco sebayakumati kabanti kuto tonkhe tindzawo lapho kukhulunywa lulwimi lwesiSwati.

EmaSalesian kanye nebafana bawo, bayawuhlala bamkhumbula Make Mildred Dlamini ngemsebenti wakhe. Bayabongwa babuketi balencwadzi. Kubongwa kakhulu futsi nalabo labalekelele kugcivitwa kwalencwadzi ngelusito lwemali.

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IMPHILO YADON BOSCO

Unina waSanti John Bosco njengalomunye wemakhosikati labalulekile ahloniphekile, abelichawe elukholweni lwemaKhatholika, ngekunakekela konkhe ngisho lokuncane. Margaret Occhiena ngekutalwa bekawaseCapriglio, endzaweni lesemkhatsini wemadvundvwana asePiedmont dvute nelidolobha leTurin. Ebuntfombini bakhe wendza ejaheni lelanguFrancis Bosco, lowabebhujelwe yinkhosikati yakhe, abengumlimi alima indzawana lencane eBeccchi. Kulenkhosikati yakhe Francis Bosco bekatfole indvodzana lengu-Anthony ligama layo, ineminyaka leyimfica. Francis-ke bekahlala na-Anthony nesalukati lesingunina. Margaret wawenta likhaya lomndeni wakaBosco ngekunakekela uninatala nalentsandzane.

Noma lomndeni wawumphofu wawuhlala ujabulile. Iminyaka lemibili atelwe John kwasebhubha uyise wabulawa sifo selichwa emaphashini. Akazange akhohlwe lomfana John uma unina amngenisa kuyise losathulile asengetukukhuluma, waphindze wamkhipha. Ngekungati umfana wakhalala kuyakuhlala neyise lobekasaphangalele; unina washacka kakhulu wakhala ngekutsi akasenaye uyise lomntfwana. Kwagobhota ematfunjini kumntfwana uma eva lendzaba. Lelokhaya laselihleti ebaleni, selingenanhloko, kodvwa Margaret wabumelela bumatima bekugcina tintsandzane, nato-ke tasebenta kamatima ngekubambisana nenina.

John wacala kwelusa aneminyaka lamine, Bekatfota, asite nenina nakabhaka sinkhwa sekusukusula. Kwakumatima ebusika nehlobo, sinkhwa lesomile-nkhwa! Kodvwa bebajabula kunjalo.

Noma unina waJohn bekangakafundzi, bekaphiwe kubangumfundzisi nguNkulunkulu. Ekuseni nantsambama bebaguca ndzawonye babonge, bacele kudla kwemalanga onkhe, bacele nekudla kwemitimba nemiphefumulo; bacele futsi kuba nesibindzi ebumatimenti bemphilo, nekucolisa ekuhambeni kabi kwabo. Lomake bekangavami kubahlukumeta, bekabatjela-nje kutsi, "Nkulunkulu uyanibona, noma nginganiboni mine, noma ngingekho mine, Yena ukhona."

Bekabatjela ngebukhulu nangetimangaliso taNkulunkulu letisemhlabeni, abafundzise nemithantazo, abafundzise nang-etibonelo letinhle. Uma insinyana yabo yesivini igcotjwe sangcotfo bekatsi, “Nkulunkulu usinikile, waphindze watsatsa, Mkhulu! Akwenteke intsandvo yakhe!” Ebusika lapho kuhhusha umoya abeyaye atsi, “Bantfwana, asibonge iNkhosi lelungile, inguBabe weliciniso loseZulwini.” (make Occhiena bekakholwa kutsi Nkulunkulu ukulunga, ngako-ke konkhe lakwentako kulungile). Uma labobantfwana betama kungeva atsi, “Caphelani, Nkulunkulu wati timfihlo temicabango yetfu.”

Kuleyominyaka kwakuyindlala eveni laseTaliyane. Tich-aka temihlobongemihlobo tehla tenyuka ticela lokufane kubambe imiphefumulo. Lomake noma naye abehluphekile kwakungendluli muntfu angakadli noma lodzinge indzawo yekulala angayitfoli; lobekagula bekanakwa kahle anikwe kudla.

Lendvodzana lenkhulu yekufelwa ngunina inhhlitiyo yayo yayilukhuni njengelitje yayihlala imunyu-nje noma loninakati abeyiphatsise kwemntfwanakhe, welitfumbu lakhe, nangekutsi yinhloko yemyeni wakhe, kepha yente-nje kungatsi akam-enteli lutfo njengalabakhe bantfwana. Kantsi yayati kam-hlophe-bha ekujuleni kwenhlitiyo yakhe kutsi akenti njalo loninakati. Yakubeketelela konkhe loko lenkhosikati. Sifiso sayo kwakukutsi bantfwabakhe bakhule ngebucotfo kuze kutsi babe ngemadvodza akusasa.

John abetama ngemandla akhe onkhe kusita unina uma ahambele logulako, John abenta tibonelo letinhle ngenkhul-umo, nangemidlalo bekangumholi. Unina naye-ke asite sigulane. kwakwenteka umkhandze adlala nebafana lababi uNina langabatsandzi kahle, kepha wamtjela uNina kutsi, “Make labafana bayamangalisa ngoba mine uma ngikhona ngeke uve ngisho linye ligama lelibi labalishoko. Kuphela kudlalisanahle kahle, kutekwe tindzaba. Kubete inhhlamba, kuhanjwe kujatjuliwe-nje,” ngoba phela naye abebajabulisa ngemoya wakhe lomnandzi Bosco.

Ebufaneni bakhe John abelusa ngekujabula, ahambe ahlabelela naya emadlelweni ingoma layifundziswa ngunina

yaMaria. Lapho kuthulile esigangeni bese ucabanga ngebukhulu baNkulunkulu abudvumise. Kubangani bakhe labelic-hawe kubo, bebefika bamonise bese ubatekela indzaba ngebukhulu nebuKhosi balowasidala kube sifundvo lesihle naku-Khathekizima. Emasu akhe abemahle ngoba labafana babe-funa kubuya njalonjalo ngebunandzi. Lomunye kulabobafana libito lakhe lalinguMatiyo abephatsa sinkhwa lesimnyaman-yana-nje ubona kutsi sekuhlupheka. Atsi John nasebadla, "Mine ngitsandza lesakho lesimnyama;" bese bayantjintji-selana, Matiyo adle lelesimhlophe saJohn. Kwachubeka iminyaka bakwenta loku, kwase kuyamshaya emoyeni wakhe Matiyo kutsi; "Hhawu lolutsandvo lolungapheli lululile!"

Kutsite-ke naseneminyaka leyimfica unina wabona kutsi sesiphelile sikhatsi sekwelusa salomfana John, sekufanele aye esikolweni. Kwakunetikolwa khashanyana kulibanga impela. Umnakabo lomkhulu abesaneminyaka lengemashumi lama-bili, asakhombisa kutsi nguye vele inkhosana, uyinhloko yeyise, ubaphetse lapho ekhaya. Wala kutsi aye esikolweni lomfana watsi, naye akazange afundze, utakuphila njengaye. Noma kwakubuhlungu kunina wemfana akatsandzanga kubangana nemsindvo, wathula wakubeketelela konkhe. Ngenhlanhla dzadze wabonina abesebentela uMfundisi, loMfundisi abengumphatsi wesikolwa, wacelela John kutsi afundze noma kwakulibanga kufika khona. Bekahamba kumakhata, lina, lidvuma noma lishisa. Bekakubona loko kutsi kuyinhlawulo yekuticelela kulunga, akujabulele. Washe-she wabamba nesikolweni kulakufundzako. Ngesikhatsi asebenta emasimini esivini, atsi uma atfola litfutjana abukabuke tincwadzi takhe, noma elusile ente njalo.

Ngesikhatsi bangani bakhe bambuta bekabaphendvula atsi: "Ngifuna kufundza ngibe nguMfundisi." Ebusika kwa-funeka kutsi abuyele esikolweni, umnakabo abelitje, unina watsi akusiti, kuncono ayekele vele.

Emphilweni yakhe John abeboniswa emaphushweni ngebukhulu bakaNkulunkulu. Lekucala liphupho lakhe abeneminyaka leyimfica. Waphupha asebaleni lelikhulu lelihle edvute nendlu yakabo. Wabona bafana labanyenti badlala, labanye bahleka, labanye badlala imidlalo, labanye balwa, labanye betfukana ngetinhamba letimbi. John wagijima wabekhuta, wabashaya. Watsi etfuka wabona umuntfu

logcoke lokumhlophe esabeka, abenebuso lobukhatitelako, lobungabukeki. Watsi lomuntfu, "Hhayi ngekuhlukumeta nangetibhakela kepha ngemusa nangelutsandvo, kuze utfole tinhlitiyo tabo. Fundzisa ngekulunga, nangebubi besono. Umfana wabuta kutsi, "Ngingabafundzisa njani nami ngingati lutfo?" "Ngenhlonipho nangekutitfoba uyakwenta ummangaliso," kwaba yimphendvulo. "Lwati ngitakulutfolaphi?" "Ngitakuniketa tingcweti taboThishela." "Ungubani wena lolokhuluma nami?" "Ngiyindvodzana yalowo uNyoko lakufundzisa kutsi umati onkhe emalanga." "Make watsi ngibocaphela tihambi, libito lakho ngubani?" "Buta kuMake Wami." Kutsite kusenjalo wabona intfombi lenhle legokise kwalendvodzana nayo ikhatimula. Wambamba ngesandla watsi, "Buka, lona ngumsebenti wakho titfobe ucine, ngikutjela kutsi yentani ngalabantfwabami." Bafana banyamalala, kwasekuvela tilwane, tanyamalala, kwavela emazinyane etimvu, atjakadvula, ankolontja eceleni kwalentfombi nendvodzana. John wefuka wakhala atsi, "Kushoni loku?" Lentfombi yambamba enhloko yatsi: "Utakwati emva kwesikhatsi." John waphaphama ephushweni lakhe katange alale futsi.

Nankho-ke umsebenti wakhe wekufundzisa bungcwele, nebubi besono. Kwafuneka ente njani-ke manje? Watfola lisu watsi, "Njengoba ngetikhatsi temikhosi eTaliyane bonkhe bantfu bayebaphitsitele ngekubukela, kuhle ente imilingo ngoba kute lona-ke kuya eSontfweni kuletinsuku. Bekahamba lapho kuticumbi khona ababuke labo labenta lemilingo. Ababukisise. Wacala watenta wabamnyama, nekubaluhlatacwe entela kutsi abamangalise ngalomlingo lawentako. Watifundzisa kuhamba etikwentsambo lekhungwe etihlahleni letimbili, leticamalatelene angakabambi ndzawo. Wawulungiselela lomdlalo wakhe ngesineke lesikhulu. Kulomdlalo kwakufanele kucalwe, phindze kubuywe kugcinwe ngemthantazo. Kwakutsi emkhatsini nendzawo akhulume ngelivesi lebelifundvwe ngeliSontfo, khona batokhumbula ngemiphefumulo yabo. Wakhuluma wagcizelela kutsi uma kungathantazwa ngeke ubekhona lomdlalo. Kulomlingo wakhe kute lobekatsandza kusalela emuva ngebuhle bawo, wabanetidvumo lomfana.

Naneminyaka lelishumi wacala kulungiselela kwemukela ngemnyaka wa-1826, esikhatsini kubusa Phapha Pius welishumi, kantsi ngaletu tikhatsi kwakuvunyelwe kwemukela

kuphela bantfwana labaneminyaka lelishumi namubili. Kodvwa unina lobekanefundziso wamlungiselela wamfundzisa ikhathekizimi. Kwakusikhatsi sekuZila sekulungiselela iPhasika. Noma bekamncane kunabobonkhe, kepha bekati kakhulu liKhathekizima yakhe. Phela unina bekamlungiselele lolusuku lwekwemukela iNkhosi Nkulunkulu. Watsi, "Ndvodzana yami, Nkulunkulu sewusondzelela kukunika tipho Takhe letiligugu. Lungela kutemukela ngemphefumulo wakho wonkhe, umetsembise kutsi uyakwetsembeka kuye emphilweni yakho yonkhe. Unina wahamba naye waya esontfweni mhla ayakwemukela uMsindisi, lowangena kuye wahlala esikhontini sakhe.

Umfana wamtjela unina liphupho lakhe, kwamkhanyela uNina kutsi lomfana wakhe vele umiselwe buFundisi. Kepha sicako lesingumnakabo lomdzala Anthony abengafuni sampe-la kutsi afundze. Konkhe loku unina wakubeka etinyaweni taNkulunkulu, yena wawuva lomthandazo walomake. Ngalowomnyaka waka-1826 kwakugujwa umkhosi lomkhulu ePiedmont bonkhe baseBecchi bebaya etinkonzweni ekuseni nakusihlwa. Tinkonzo takusihlwa tatiphuma ebusuku kakhulu bese babuyela emakhaya. Kwatsi ntsambama ngalelinye lilanga bahambisana nemPriste wesifundza, libito lakhe kunguDon Calosso, wabona emkhatsini wabo umfanyana lomuhle abukeka amncane kakhulu kutsi eve tifundvo. Wambita watsi, "Mfana wami uphumaphi?" "eBecchi Mfundisi." "Hhawu ngingajabula nawungangitjela lokuvile esontfweni! Ngingakupha nesenti." "Yiphi incenye Mfundisi?" kubuta umfana. "Nome nguyiphi loyitsandzile." Watsi umfana, "Ungabi livimbela kumuntfu nakagucuka akholwa." Watsi futsi, "Kuchazwe ngetindlela letintsatfu," watishe, watishe tonkhe.

Kwamangala labo labebahambisana nabo, umfana achaza sengatsi ukufundza encwadzini, labekuve kuphuma emlonyeni weMfundisi. Indlela yabalula yabayimfisha futsi nabeva nanelivi lemfana lelihle ahlabelela. UMfundisi yena womelela-nje watsi, "Kuhlakanipha kunike loku? Angaba yini lomfana?" Wathula wacabanga. Wasambuta kutsi ungubani libito lakhe, uhlalaphi, batali bakhe bobani, ufundzaphi? Umfana watsi unguJohn Bosco, akanaye uyise wafa aneminyaka lemibili, basihlanu kabo bondliwa ngunina, ukwati kancane kufundza nekubhala. Watsi uMfundisi, "Wati

lulwimi luni?" Akatanga kutsi ushoni. Asambuta kutsi uyatsandza yini kufundza, John waphendvula watsi, umnakabo akafuni nakuyiva leyo, utsi angisebente emasimini." "Wena kodvwa uyatsandza yini lokufundza?" kubuta uMfundisi, wavuma umfana. Wambuta watsi, "Utsandzelani John kuba nguMfundisi, watsi John ufuna kusita bantfwana abafundzise ngelukholo, bakhule balungile, benyanye sono, ngoba hleze lomunye wona ngekungati uswele umeluleki." Basahamba watsi, "Mfundisi sengiyehluka lapha nansi indlela leya kitsi." Watsi uMfundisi, "Uyakwati yini kwelekelela uMfundisi enkonzweni yeliMisa (siKhonzi phela)." "Kancane Mfundisi." "Utjele unyoko kutsi ngifuna kumbona abonane nami sitokhuluma naye."

Emva kweliMisa umfana neMfundisi bakhuluma kabanti. Wabona uMfundisi kutsi kukhona lokukhona kulomfana emphilweni yakhe. Bakhuluma-ke nanenina waJohn kutsi kuhle afundze, utakumyisa kuMfundisi lomdzala amfundzise siLathini. Wakhandza umfana kutsi kulukhuni kodvwa wetama ngemandla akhe onkhe kutsi alubambe lolulwimi langalwati. Kwakufanele aye ekuseni ayofundza bese-ke emini uya emasimini asebente khona. Kepha kona loko-nje umnakabo lolomdzala wabalukhuni angatsandzisisi; John-ke nakabona loko etame kufihla tincwajana takhe evungwini. Kwakutsi kusihlwa abukete konkhe lakufundzile.

Entfwasahlobo kwabonakala kutsi kuyalinywa. Umnakabo John wavutsa ngelulaka atsi sikhatsi sichitseka mahhala umfana abeloku atsi uyafundza. Wabatse John uyatifihlaphila tincwajana takhe phindze. Watsi kusihlwa ngalelinye lilanga uyabukabuketa, nangu umnakabo angena, watsi: "Ngikujika lengaphandle lokwetincwajana; timbongolo takitsi takhula-nje nato, nami ngiyindvodza angitange ngiye esikolweni." Watsi bona amtsatse ngemphama, watsi mpulukutju umfana zaya ngeligonso. Unina nakabona loku, watsi kuncono ayotifunela umsebenti kulesinye sicumcantja semlimi. Cha nempela wasebenta kahle kakhulu bamtsandza nalabakhulu. Kutsite ngalelinye lilanga bambona kutsi uyakutsandza kufundza lalabakhulu, bambuta batsi ufuna kufundzelani njengoba usebenta kahle kangaka babengafuni kutsi angahle abashiye; watsi ufuna kuba nguMfundisi. Batsi "Hhawu mfana budule nakangaka bufundisi uyakuyitsatsaphi lemali lengaka! Kodvwa yena lomfana akadzelanga, atsi angatfola litfutjana atsi kubuketa tincwadzi takhe.

Kutsite asolo asebenta kalomuntfu, weva malume wakhe ambingelela, wambuta kutsi uchuba njani emsebentini, watsi uchuba kahle kepha sewutaze abemdzala angafundzi. Watsi malume wakhe, "Uyafuna yini kufundza?" "Yebo malume." Wasutsi malume wakhe akayovalela letotinkhomo labetelusa atsatselokungekwakhe avalelise kahle abuyele ekhayakubo, khona atakwati kukhuluma nenina abuyele esikolweni. Nempela wangena esikolweni eCastelnuovo. Abebukeka amdzala kunalabanye, nalothishela amcasukela lomfana lolongaka! Cha, wangakushayi mkhuba John loko, wanaka loku lokumshisa ngekhatshi kwakhe; 'Imphumelelo.'

Kutsite ngesikhatsi semaholideyi, John wabuyela ekhaya wayosita unina ngoba phela lomnakabo wase utiphumela wakhe umuti ngekunyanyiswa kufundza kwalomfana; besebahlala nenina kuphela. Wacabanga John kutsi ingabe sekutakwentiwa njani nase kunjje? Kwefika liphupho, wabona iNkhosikati lenhle lenguMelusi yeluse umhlambi. Yatsi, "Uyabona mfana wami yelusa lomhlambi wami, nginiketa wena lomsebenti." "Make lomuhle, ngitawentanjani? Ngita-weluselaphi lomhlambi longaka wetimvu nemazinyane awo?" "Ungesabi ngitakuba nawe futsi ngikusite." Kutsite ngakusasa wahlangana neMlimi wambuta watsi, "Mfana utsakasiswe yini?" Watsi John, "Sengincobile sengiyati kutsi ngitakuba nguMfundisi."

KUCHIBELA LITSEMBA LELEPHUKILE

Ebumatimeni kuloyo mnyaka ngekutsi angahle abhiceni nani unina waJohn wacunga sibindzi, watsi nakanjani uyaya umntfwanakhe eChieri, esikolweni. Watsatsa lisaka lenkhomo lembhila nemabele, kwatsi nabomakhelwane basita ngalabanako kutfumela lelichawe liyokufundza. Bahamba nenina ngelikalishi, befika batsengisa emakethe, kuze kutsi lomfana atfole tincwadzi tekufundza.

Lomfana bekatakuhlala nemfelokati lobekanendvodzana leneminyaka leyimfica. John phela yena besamdzadlanyana asaneminyaka lelishumi nesihlanu. Kubhadalela kuhlala kalomfelokati kwakungukutsi asite lomfelokati ngelikhaya

nekugadza lomfanyana. Kudla, unina abesawaletsile emasaka emmbila phambilini. Ntsambama nakhona nakabuya esikolweni kwakufanele asebente impela kalomake. Njengalabanye bomake, John wacina angasafuneki kalomake. Watifunela indzawo kumuntfu labenesitodlwana. Kwakudzingeke avuke ekuseni atsanyele agebe kahle lapha esitolo, nantsambama aphindze asite. Abelala endlwaneni lengaphansi (i-cellar) anekwelikhandlelana lokulotitako nakafundza kusihlwa. Watimisela impela ngetifundvo takhe. Thishela wakhe wabona kutsi kukhona lokukulomfana ngoba abenaka tifundvo takhe, alalela anenhlonipho lenkhulu. Kepha labanye bafana babefuna abesigangi njengabo, beba, benta konkhe lokungakafaneli. Kepha John wafuna kulimela liciniso lakhe, futsi abatjengise kutsi lokubi kakwentiswa. Wasewenta licinjana lakhe lebafana lebelibusa ngekujabula lidlale imidlalo, lihlabelele, liphume livakashe, liphetse ingcamu walo wesinkhwa nemantongomane. Abengakakhohlwa ngumlingo wakhe labetifundzise wona, kantsi futsi anakekele kufundzisa ngekucoxa tindzaba tibe yinshumayelo. Abengumhlabeleli ashaya nelugubhu. Umgomo wakhe wawukutsi; jabula, dlala, wente konkhe, kepha ucaphele ungangeni esonweni. Lakhula ngemandla lelocembu lakhe, landza walihola ngebuchawe. Watsi kubo, "Majaha kufanele lowo nalowo asebentise siphwiwo sakhe lasiphiwa nguNkulunkulu wakhe, angasifeleli."

Kutsite ngalelinye liSontfo bahambahamba-nje, kulesinye setigodzi, etindzaweni temilandvo base befika eSontfweni letimphohlo letifundzela buFundisi, bangena basontsa. Kwakunemuntfu lobekamenta sati lesikhulu, ati bungcweti bemlingo njengoba atati. Atsi nangabe kuliSontfo atsandze kutsi kulandzelwe yena, bayekele kuya etinkonzweni, anelutfufuwanje. Nempela phela bantfu bebaya kuye. John akakutsandzanga nani lokwenta kwalomuntfu, futsi angacali kumbona ayenta lentfo; yena kwakumudla uma abona umuntfu advukisa lomunye, futsi atitsandzela kuya eSontfweni. Watsi John kubangani bakhe kuhle baye nabo khona kulomuntfu. Watsi uma abona boJohn: "Lotivako akete batokwehlulana;" labanye batsi ngeke batilinge bemelane nalomuntfu. John washo umthantazo lomncane, wase uyaya ngekutinikela. Bantfu batsi, "Hhawu yini yona-le! Lomfana lomncane kangaka! Uyahlola, Uyahlola!" Watsi lomuntfu kwekucala: "Kugijima ngematubane, imali yekubheja ngemasenti langesimashumi lamabili." John abete naleyomali yena, kepha

bangani bakhe banikela ngekuphangisa yaze yenela. Wawina John. Kwesibili watsi: "Kuzuba wengce emfuleni ungeyami elutsentseni ushiye libanganyana; imbeje ngemasenti lange-mashumi lamane." Watsi John kulungile. Wesuka-ke lomunfu wangcabisha, watsi goloja wahlala ngesheya. Batsi bantfu babona loku: "Hhawu, utsi lomfana? utakukhona? Phindzebo! Kute longenta lokunje!" Bangane baJohn bacala kwesaba. Wesukisa inhlangu John, umfudlana wawushiya lapha! Kwadvuma umsindvo lomkhulu etibukelini, kwakhala lihlo-mbe lelingatiwa. Watfukutsela watselwa ngemanti umfokati-ndzini. Watsi lomunfu, "Ngifuna kukukhombisa shono lomunye umlingo siwente." Usho-nje umangala kwehlulwa yintfo-nje! Watsi John, "Umlingo wendvuku yakho." Kwakufanele ungayitsintsi ngesandla, ube uyifaka ingadibe imile. Uyitsintse ngemlomo wakho, ngemphumulo, nangacikilicane, kepha ingawi. Wacala yena John manje, washaya waphumela ngale wawina. Wayidvumela umfo: "Hhawu! yatsi yendze-yendze wabesayibambile. Asatfukutsele atselwa ngemanti. Wesine umlingo watsi: "Manje ngitakukhombisa; sitakwekwela nasisihlahla, siyogcina lasigcina khona, ngisho lakutebhetela khona, sitsintse sicongo saso." John angakhohlwa yena kutsi konkhe lakwentako ukwenta ngaNkulunkulu wakhe, asho umthantazo, ente sibonakaliso seSiphambano. Akhwele umfo lowo. Acance, acance aze afike egaleni lapho abone ligobana; phindze kutsintsa, kudze nemuva manje. Akhwele lomfana. Awu bangani bakhe vele kubonakale kamlhophe kutsi kute kwaJohn, kwehluleka sigwevagweva, abeyinike yena. Phela yena John uya ahlomile ngesihlangu sakhe lesinguKhristu, loncoba ngisho sekulukhuni. Acance umfana ate afike lakwehluleke sitsa sakhe khona. Watsi kutilungisa John ngemtinjana wakhe lontekantekana, wesuka watsi vi . . .; wasitsi ntfo . . . sihloko sesihlahla. Kwadvuma sengatsi kudvuma litulu, ligagabula tinhloko. Yaphela inkhuni kulesigwevagweva. Ngemoya lopholile bangani baJohn bamcela lomunfu kube baye ehhotela bayekudla khona; abhadale nalemali futsi, atsembise kutsi akaseyuphindze abuye ngalapha atokonisa bantfu kutsi bangayi esontfweni.

Labanye bangani bakhe labatfolo bahluphekile emoyeni ngoba labanye bafana bahlekisa ngelukholo lwabo, angitsi phela bebangemaJuda, bangasebenti ngemGcibelo, lisiko lelive lakubo. Kulabanye bafana kwakungatsi batsandza kutinika

liholideyi. John wabona kutsi loku kuphatselene nanembeza wabo yena bekatfumela luhlu lwemisebenti lebeyifanele yentiwe nenchazelo. Futsi lomunye lobekavamise kuvakashela ekhefi lakwakusebenta John khona wetayelana naye kakhulu. Ngalelinye lilanga lomfana longuJonas watikhandza asase-shi, ecaleni lekulwa; afisa kwati siphetfo salendzaba wacodza kuJohn wacela seluleko. "Kube bewulikholwa kusho John, ngabe ngikuyisa esihlalweni sekuvuma kodvwa loko ngeke kwenteke." "Usho ngani, singaya kuyawuvuma uma utsandza." Mhlawumbe-nje aninalo liSakramente leMphendvuko nine, aninawo emandla ekutsetselela tonono, nesiphosemfihlo. "Uma utsandza ngingaya kumPriste waseRoma." "Ungeke uye phela ngaphandle kwekutsi ubhabhatiswe ungasiye umKhristu." "Batakutsini ekhaya?" "Uma Nkulunkulu akubitele loku utakuvikela." "Kube bewungimi bewutakwenta njani?" sekubuta umfana lomncane weliJuda. "Bengitakucala kufundza iKhathekezima," sekuphendvula John. Ngekutsatsa seluleko saJohn lomfana weliJuda watikhandza asasenkhatsatweni kangangoba waze wacabana nebatali bakhe neMfundisi wakhe, waze wacoshwa nekhaya noko wacinisela waba liKhristu nalamanye emaJuda amlandzela.

Lemilingo yakhe John yaze yamngenisela etinkhatsatweni kulabo lababehlala naye; bacabanga kutsi uyenta ngemandla aSathane. Bayitsatsa indzaba bayiyisa kubaPriste, base bayambita baPriste loJohn bambuta ngelukholo lwakhe, nangemphilo yakhe yonkhe. Waphendvula yonkhe imibuzo kahle. Wabatjengisa kutsi yonkhe lemilingo ayiphumi kuSathane; yimilingo lengentiwa noma ngubani-nje uma atjengisiwe. Wase uyabatjengisa kutsi uyenta njani. BaPriste beneliswa ngalomfana.

BuFundisi bulukhuni futsi bumatima kumuntfu lodalwe ngenyama; kube sekufika kungabata, ubone nekutsi kudlala ngemlilo loku; bese utsi kuncono imphilo yemhlabeni. Kwamfikela lomfana John njengalabanye kutsi alingwe; akabe asakhumbula nemaphupho akhe, wefikelwa kutikhobosa nekwesaba. Waya ekuvumeni, acela kusitwa ekungabateni kwakhe, kepha akatfolanga luncedvo. Watsi umvumisi wakhe ngeke amsite ngalutfo, kuphela umuntfu wenta lokusenhlitiyweni yakhe ngelibitelo. Wakhumbula unina thishela wakhe lomkhulu ayomeluleka. Wacabanga kutsi

ngumuphi umhlangano langase awungenele? Waya kunina wamtjela ingcaki yakhe. Watsi nenina mntfwanami, yinye kuphela intfo lengiyibheke kuwe kutsi umphefumulo wakho usindziswe kunakokonkhe.

Wachubeka netifundvo takhe lomfana, elulekwa ngulabanye bapriste kuze alungelwe kutsi agcotjwe abe ngumpriste. Ngemnyaka waka 1835 wemukeliswa iNgubo yebuFundisi. Emva kweminyaka lesihlanu bavalelisana nenina ngoba asangena ebuPristeni njengesifiso sakhe; asayohlala esiGodlweni setiMphohlo. Kunina kwajabulisa impela nakambona asembetse njengemPriste. Wamyala watsi angakhohlwa yiNdlovukazi yeliZulu unina loCwebile, abeke kuye tonkhe tigilo netingibe atetfule kuye. Nendvodzana nayo yabonga unina lowabenemfundziso lenhle ate efike kulesigaba lamuhla.

Bapriste labakhulu batinikela ngekusita John nasasetiMphohlweni kuze acedzele kahle tifundvo takhe tebuPriste, kuleminyaka lesihlanu leyayisasele. Naye-ke watakhela ligama lelihle ngekuhlonipha; bekafundza kahle impela aphume embili. Ngekuphumelela watfola imali leyamsita kutsi achubeke netifundvo takhe. Imali yayitehlela-nje fana nemvula yetibusiso, angakayilindzeli, phela nenina abesita ngemikhuleko yangasense.

Abebatsandza bothishela bakhe John, kepha bona bangatsandzisisi kutsi asondzele kubo kangako. Kwakungumtsetfo kutsi umfundzi nakabuya ekhaya ekhefina, noma natakuya kulo likhefu, abingelele futsi avalelise emathisheleni akhe; kepha John angawutfoli lowomoya kulabobothishela batente labasebentako babete sikhatsi naye ngeku-nganaki. Emcondvweni wakhe kwefika kutsi mhla yena agcotjwa ngalokuphelele uyakuba ngumngani webafana labaswele lusito ngasonkhe sikhatsi sakhe, nakute lokumcakile, futsi atame kutsi lenteke litfuba lokubasita etingcakini tabo bafana.

Nasatakucedza kufundzela kwakhe, kwefika lelinye liphupho. Wabhudza entasensimi yemnakabo lomkhulu, kunelibala lelihle futsi libanti kwakhiwe lidolobha lelikhulu, netitaladi, kwakuphitsitela bantfu behla benyuka, incumbi yebafana leyayibanga umsindvo, ihambe imemeta, lenye ilwa,

yetfuka. Watibona aya kubo ayobatsetsisa ngoba angasakwati kuyimela lentfo yenhamba lengaka! Watsi uyabatsintsa-nje bofeleba, suka! Basuka naye impunga! Wagcina asabayekela abuyela emuva. Weva livi litsi, "Buyela, hamba ubancenge kahle, nangu Make wami, utakukusita." Kwakunguloya Melusikati lambona kulelinye liphupho lakhe. Watsi loMake uma ufuna kuncoba letitcalekiswa beketela, utitfobe, ube ngumngani wabo. INdvodzana neNina Maria babeniketa John Bosco kutsi abengumngani wetoni tite tibuyele ku-Mnikati wato, ateluse ngebuciko lobukhulu, hhayi ngekuhlu-kumeta.

Kutsite sekagcotjwa, emva kweliMisa lakhe lekucala kwentiwa lidzili bakhelwane nalabakhulu; kwajatjulwa kwadzelwa. Sebasele bodvwa nenina bahamba babuyela ekhaya unina ahambe amyala abuye advumise naNkulu-nkulu, kutsi umntfwanakhe labemfisele buPriste sewute waphumelela.

KUTSAMBISA LIDVWALA

Don Bosco wacala-ke kubona loku labekubhudza. Imihambima yebafana lenganakwa, lengenakudla, lengana-ndzawo yekulala, lengafundzi. Inkhulumo kuyinhamba kuphela, kute buntfu nakancane. Wacela kuMphatsi wabo lomkhulu kutsi aye eMurialdo, wavumeleka. Kwatfolakala kutsi ekugcineni sekufundzelwa buFundisi. Kwakulukhuni ekucaleni kulenzawo, bafana lababeneminyaka lelishumi namubili kuye eminyakeni lelishumi nantsatfu budzala bebaboshwa. Kwametfusa Bosco loku, ngoba kwenteka emaphi-ndzephindze kubafana kuze kugcine ngekutsi bajutjwe.

Watibuta kutsi yini langahle ayente nakunje? Angayihlenga njani lemiphefumulo? Kambe letidalwa teNkhosi tifanelwe kulahlwa yini? Basebayahlangana naDon Cafasso bafuna lisu. Kulelidolobha bantfu bebesuka khashane batofuna imisebenti, kepha bebangawutfoli ngendzaba yebunyenti babo; utfole kutsi setindzinzane-nje, sebandzisa tigcwele-gcwele. Kambe lemaphandleni elidolobha kwakuyinhloko, ngoba wawutsi uhamba wesabe tigebengu; utfole emajaha

nebafana bayingayinga etitaladini. Ntsambama wawumangala ngashayile, nasekuphunywa emafemini, bantfu kutse mfe... emigwacweni; linyenti kwakubafana, bahambe betfuka, basongelana, futsi labanye baze balwe. Wabona kutsi nali-ke lelophupho lakhe. Entenjani-ke manje!

Kutsite ngalelinye lilanga alungisela kwenta liMisa ase-Sakriste (indlu yekugcokela baFundisi eSontfweni — lesece- leni-nje) weva kukhala umfana, abeshaywa ngulolonakekela lendlu yelisonfwo. Watsi Bosco, "Wenteni?" Watsi yena, "Utofunani nakangakwati kukhonza?" kusita uMfundisi phela nakenta liMisa. Bosco watsi, "Ungamhluphi ngumngani wami lona." "Hhawu, loluhhuhha! Angaba ngumngani wakho njani?" Watsi Bosco, "Uyahlupheka lomfana udzinge lusito, mlandze." Wamlandza lomSakriste ajabhile impela, kodvwa wabuya naye.

Bosco wambuta ligama lakhe. Waphendvula watsi ungu- Barthalomewu Garelli. Wasutsi, "Uyasebenta?" kubuta Bosco. "Yebo ngingumakhi." "Uyihlo usenaye?" "Cha." "Unyoko-ke?" "Naye wafa." "Budzala bakho ungakanani?" "Ngine- minyaka lelishumi nesitfupha." "Uyakwati kuhlabelela nekushaya inkwela?" Wahleka umfana, ngoba abengati kutsi ulandzelweni asatibalekele, kwaphela lichwa lekwesaba. Yachubeka imibuzo yaBosco abutana nemfana. "Ngitjele ndvodzana, uyemukela yini?" "Cha." "Wake wavuma?" "Kadzeni ngisemncane." "Usawati-nje umthantazo?" "Sengawukhohlwa." "Uyaya yini eSontfweni?" "Ngiyaya-nje." "Uyafuna yini kufundza liKhathekizima?" "Angiyi ngoba sengiyimbodlololo, sebangangihleka labancane kunami." "Uma mine ngikufundzisa ungeta?" "Ngingeta vele!" "Singacala nini-ke kufundza, lamuhla?" "Nawutsandza." "Manje ngisatakwenta liMisa emuva kwalo sitakufundza." Nembala wasontsa; emuva kwenkonzo bayakuyofundzela endlini lenge- muva kwendlu yekugcokela, wesuka-ke umsebenti.

Sekacedzile uMfundisi, waguca wathantaza 'Yethi Maria.' wacela kuye kutsi lomfana angayekeli kulandzela eNkhosini yakhe. Wambuta kutsi usakwati yini kwenta Siphambano, wadliwa ngemahloni nakambuta intfo lefundvwa ngumntfwana wemaKatholika. Wasutsi John Bosco, "Utakubuya yini Barthalomewu?" Wacinisa ngekutsi utakubuya. Watsi abo- buya nalabanye bangani bakhe.

ESontfweni lelilandzelako weta nalabasitfupha, Don Cafasso yena-ke watfola lababili. Tinyangana letincane babe-sebangemashumi lasiphohlongo, bafundzela ngetinhlitiyo tabo tonkhe letitfobekile. Abengumngani wetinhlitiyo tabo; nabangamboni bebamfunisa inyalitsi ilahlekile. Abenendlwana lencane, abete imali lenyenti abeze ayitfole ngeminikelwananje. Don Cafasso abona lokukhula kwalelibandla kwamma-ngalisa, wesaba kutsi tiphatsi-mandla titamhlupha Bosco ngalombutsano webafana. Watsi akasebentise indzawana leyayibuke lona lelobala, emafasitela abheke ngakhona. Yebo wamnika, kepha bafana nabadlala nawe uyati kutsi umsindvo kutsi mpu; Cafasso angakutfoli kutiphumulela kahle ngemaSontfo. Phela labobafana kulapho bebatijabulisa khona emidlalweni kanye nemngani waboBosco. Wakubona loko Bosco kutsi akumphatsi kahle Cafasso lomsindvo walabobafana; Bosco watidzikela kutsi Nkulunkulu udzinge imiphefumulo kunekuphumula.

Emva kweminyaka lemitsatfu bandza bafana; kwase bafunelwa indzawo leyayiphettwe sichomoketi semfati longumfelokati. Abegcine tintsandzane temantfombatana yena, kantsi Bosco agcine bafana. Cha bahlala, kwakuthantazwa liRosali, kufundvwe liKhathekizima njengafutsi. Badlale imidlalo yabo ngesikhatsi sebacedzile kufundza kwabo. Ntsambama kwakungena tifundvo. Wacala loMake wakhona ngemsindvo webafana watsi bakha netimbali takhe. Kwafuneka manje bayofunelwa encenye. Baya ngemathuneni, dvute nawo kwakukhona lisontfo. Bacala kumphatsi walo kutsi basontse futsi bafundzele liKhathekizima. Nembala wavuma. Libala lekudlalala kwafuneka kutsi balivule ngekugawula tihlahla tetitfwetfwe. Baligceba labalihle. Tachubeka tifundvo tabo teliKhathekizima, nemithandazo. Ntsambama njalo bafundze tifundvo. Emini phela-ke vele kwakuba yimidlalo. Kwenteka siphosiso ngalelinye lilanga bangamboni Don Bosco; batsi bhu . . . bafana, bangena endlini kulabehlala kuyo Bosco, behla benyuka bafunana nemngani wabo babanga nemsindvo. Hha! sisebenti sempriste lolabephetse leyondzawo, satfukutsela satselwa ngemanti. Watsi efika-nje umpriste samtjela lesisebenti lobekwentiwa ngulabobafana. Naye-ke evile waya ahacatela, watsi, "Ngubani loniphetse, nyamalalani njengamanje-nje!" Wabekhuta Don Bosco watsi bayekele kudlala, ngoba naye Bosco abejabula afe nakabona bafana labanemphilo batjekedvula ebaleni. Labanemakhaya

babuyele bajabule bafile. Bagcina sebavinjelwe nekuya esontfweni, vele kwabonakala kutsi kabahambe. Bafana saba-khubata lesento sekutsi lapha nalapha bayesuswa. Watsi abona loku Bosco wabacinisa ngekutsi, "Uma ulima ingadzi ufuna emaklabishi akho akhule uyawacacamisa. Natsi-ke sitakucina naloku sehle senyuka." Cha, bavuka ekwenyeleni kwabo; babuye bajabula futsi.

Emavikana angakabi mangaki batfola lenye indzawana edvute nemshini wekugaya ihphuphu. Babesontsa ekuseni bantfu bakhona ngoba phela basebenta emini. Wacela Bosco kuMphatsi kutsi fane basontse emini bafundzele neliKhathekizima, nekuthantaza. Kwakute-ke lapho libala lelikhulu kahle, kwakulibadlana lelijutjelwe ngimigwaco. Noko kwakungafani nekuhlala. Baphume-ke esontfweni badlale. Akutsatsanga sikhatsi bantfu bakhona batsi singeke sikhone ngulomsindvo wemahlongandlebe. Kwasekwaliwa nekutsi kusetjentiswe nelisontfo futsi.

Kwakusengwegwedze ebusika. Laticamba lelibutfo ngekutsi, 'liLuhambo Lwebuciko' ngoba bekakwati Bosco kukhuluma ngelisu lelalikwenta utsambe noma ulukhuni njengelitje. Bagcwa njengafutsi bafana bati kutsi beta kumngani wabo wetinhliyo tabo. Tachubeka tifundvo njengemihleni, nekuthantaza liRosali. Nakhona batfola kutsontsa sebacele kuMphatsi waleyondzawo. Wabona kutsi hhayi baningi labafana, kuncono acashe tindlu tibetimbili, noma tatitincane kubo ngebunyenti babo. Ngulemidlalo-ke leyayenta bantfu benyanyiseke. Bacala manje kutsi Bosco ufundzisa labobafana kutsi balwe nembuso, kuhle bambukisise ngalamanye emehlo. Kuhle kubohambela emaphoyisa ngakhona. Wachubeka Bosco ngetifundvo teliKhathekizima, nekuthantaza liRosali. Nantsambama kwachutjekwa sekufundvwa tifundvo tesikolwa. Efika emaphoyisa, kepha eva Bosco nebafana bakhe bayovuma babuye bathantaze, kutsi nasebacedzile, badlale. Amangala manje lawomaphoyisa kutsi kantsi ngumaphi lamaphekulatikhuni njengoba kube bonkhe bafana baseTurin benta njengalabafana ngabe kute ngisho lomutwi . . ., umsebenti wemaphoyisa. Kantsi bangani ba-Bosco nabo sebatfuke bafile, baze batsi akahhebhule asale nelidlanzana lebafana hhayi kuba nalencumbi. Watsi Bosco, "Cha." Batsi, "Lomuntfu ujulile kulentfo yakhe layentako ngeke nimkhone; utimisele." Batsi, "Tintfo utitsatsa njengoba

tita, tinjalo.” Banikina tinhloko bamangala ngalesibindzi labenaso. Emaphoyisa nawo ngekwawo atfola kusindziswa emiphefumulweni yawo nakakhuluma nebafana bakhe Bosco. Nakatjela bangani bakhe Bosco watsi, “Kulenzawo sitakutfoa bapriste, nebasiti betinhlobonhlobo.” Bamtsatsa ngekutsi uyahlanya batsi akayiswe etinhlanyeni. Sebahluleke kuloko bacala manje kuvungama bantfu ngemindvo webafana batsi; bagcobagcoba tjani babo, bayabona kutabate. Umnikati wensimu wabanika emaviki lamabili, ekutsi babe batifunela indzawo lengeyabo. Laphela liviki lekucala kute labakutfole, latsi naleli lesibili seliphelile sekusele lilanga linye baphume, wacakwa Bosco kutsi kufanele entenjeni, alahle lomsebenti yini? Beta bafana njengafutsi. Watsi Bosco, “Asiyothantaza kuNkhosikati leyiNgcwele yeNsimu sicelela tibusiso takhe asiphe indzawo lengeyetfu.” Kwahanjwa-ke, kepha bafana babona kutsi kukhona lokukhona emoyeni waBosco, bathantaza ngekujula. Bacedza base bayakudlala. Bosco yena wachubeka nemithantazo, kwaze kwehla netinyembeti umoya wakhe wehlile. Watsi, “Nkulunkulu ngibonise lengingahle ngikwentel!” Kwatsi lapho asathantaza kwachamuka indvodza yatsi, “Ngive kutsi udzinge indzawo, ikhona lekumngani wami, kepha yindzala; ungatsandza yini kuyoyibona?” Nembala wavuma Bosco bahamba befika, awa emandla aDon Bosco, ngoba kwakudzingeke ayisebente ngempela kuze ilunge. Kepha bebatakutsini ngoba abeyeswele? Kwakufanele imbiwe emafidi lamabili kumbe lelilodvwa; neluphahla lwalulufishane. Watsi, nalomhlabatsi sekukonkhe utakuwutsatsa ngemakhulu lamatsatfu Emalangeneni ngemnyaka kusho kutsi irenti. Watsi Bosco, “Utasinika nini?” Watsi lomuntfu, “KuleliSontfo lelitako.”

Wabuyelemuva kubafana wabatjela kutsi sebatakuba nendzawo yabo. Basangana yinjabulo bafana, bahlabela bamemeta lubala, ngemngani walabangenabangani, wase uyabacela kutsi bathule bathantaze liRosali lekubonga. Nakuphela loko kuhluphela kwavela lokunye. LeNkhosikati yesikhulu, leyingumfelokati iciza tintsandzane temantfombatana yatsi kuBosco, “Ngiyabona kutsi unelutsandvo lwalabafana bakho, ngako-ke khetsa kube kunye, noma uhlala nalabafana bakho, noma kutsi ungisite kuletintsandzane. Ungeke wente tintfo letimbili ngasikhatsi sinye, ngikunika emalanga lamabili ucabangisise.” Watsi Bosco, “Angikuphendvule nyalo-nje, kutsi wena ungatfoa incumbi yekuku-

sita, kepha mine kute longenta lomsebenti wami." Yatsi leNkhosikati, "Uyativa yini kutsi utsini, utakuhlalaphi, udleni, njengoba uzacile-nje?" "UMnikati wetintfo tonkhe uyati," imphendvulo leyo yaBosco. Yase itsi leNkhosikati, "Kuncono sewuyophumula ekhaya, kumbe utakubuya sewuncono kulokuzaca longiko; ngitakukubhadalela tindleko tonkhe lotatichitsa; utakubuya utocala umsebenti wakho kahle." Watsi Bosco, "Ngiyawubonga umusa wakho, kepha ngatinikela kube ngibutse bonkhe bantfu lababukeka badzelenkile emehlweni ebantfu, Nkulunkulu wangikhetsela loko."

Lomake womelela wasutsi, "Yenta loko lokubonako; chubeka nalemihambima." Watsi Bosco, "Awu ungangikhulumeli kabi kangaka, kulibitelo lami kutsi ngifune imiphfumulo." "Kulungile-ke, ngikunika tinyanga letintsatfu uve ufuna indlu yekuhlala, ngingeke ngisakugcina lapha." Don Bosco-ke wasuswela indzawo yekuhlala yena: lucobo.

Phela leNkhosikati yayicinisile, umsebenti bekawenta ngaletotinyanga letingemashumi lamabili wase umbulele. Kutsite ngalelinye lilanga abuya esontfweni wacaleka. Kwasa ngakusasa asanemkhuhlane wemahlaba esifubeni. Kwabamatima impela ngoba kwaze kweta unina nemnakabo kutomciza kulowo mkhuhlane. UMFundisi Borel abengasasuki edvute naye ngalesosifo lesibi kangaka. Batsi ngekuva bafana, badzabuka impela. Kwatsi lalabadzala basitana neMFundisi Borel ekugcineni Bosco, umngani wabo wenhlitiyo, umtsandzi wetilahlwa. Wawukhandza beme ticukwana babutana bodwana kutsi, kwentenjani kuNkulunkulu kutsi angabalahlala kanje? Labanye bebafana batijezisa ngekwetfwala titina bakhuphuke nato titebhisi benta inhlawulo, labanye bathantaze liRosali lelingakhawuki bantjintjane ngalo kulithantaza. Babengalali busuku nemini baphumutana ngeku-mciza. Dokotela vele abesalandvulile kutsi akubonakali. Bafana lapho kwabangulowo watsi: "Fane ngimbuke kube kanye-nje, sitjengiseni, ngoba kube uyati kutsi silapha ngabe utsi singene." Kwakufanele intsandvo yaDokotela yentiwe phela. Kungangeni bantfu labanyenti. Don Borel lowabona kutsi hhayi sekulukhuni, abeme edvute sibili nembedze wakhe watsi; "Cela eNkhosini kutsi ikuphilise, ngoba ngiyati kutsi itakuphilisa." Watsi yena Bosco ngelivi lelihoshotako; "Akweniwe intsandvo Yakhe." Watsi Borel, "Yebo phela nakuyintsandvo Yakhe ayenteke usindze; shono emva kwami

lawamavi." Walalela wawasho; ngoba phela abesaMukeliswe neMgcobo walabagulako. Watsi Borel, "Ya! bekudzingeke wakho umthantazo, utakusindza."

Dokotela watsi ngakusasa sekuyetsembisa impela, sewu-kwehlulile kufa. Kwaphela emasontfo lamabili bambona advwayimbela avula umnyango, aphumela phandle. Kwakungemsindvo, bamemeta, bahlabelela ngekujabula bahlabelela ngenngani wabo. Kwasekulungiswe situlo sekuphumula; basitsatsa bafana labakhulu basiphakamisela etulu impela bahamba naye bamyisa eSontfweni kuyotibongela kuNkulunkulu wabo ngoba babona liso lakhe. Kwakufanele aseyekuphumula ekhaya ngalokugula, atsatse likhefu. Don Borel wasala aciza labobafana nalabanye bapriste — kwachubeka kahle kakhulu konkhe.

Emva kwetinyanga letintsatfu asancono impela wabuyela emuva emsebentini wakhe. Kwakufanele ahambe nenina kuze ambonabone kutsi ululama kahle yini. Wavuma nenina noma bekati kutsi uya endlaleni. Kwakufanele aticashele indlu nyalo Bosco yekuhlala. Khona phela ePinardi dvute nebafana bakhe, watfola tindlu letimbili kodvwa tingajabulisi kahle . . . hle ngoba yayidvute nesitolo senkantini, lokungajabulisi kumuntfu longumpriste. Besuka ngetinyawo eBecchi ekhaya kubo. Bahlangana nalomunye umpriste lowababuta kutsi baphumaphi? Sebamtjelile wasutsi, sewuyakuphila ngani ngoba umsebenti sewukulahlekele. Bosco watsi, "Inkhosi iyati." Watsi lompriste, "Kepha nitakulala nidleni lamuhla?" Watsi Bosco, "Ungahlupheki kakhulu." Wase lompriste uphutsata emakhikhini akhe, kwakute ngisho isenti. Wakhumula liwashi lakhe watsi, "Kangati kutsi ungentani ngalo." Wabonga walitsatsa. Befika kusihlwa unina walungisa kudla kwekonga, kwabe Bosco aphanyeka lucwembe loluphatsa emanti laNgcwele nemfanekiso wa-Maria. Bafana babona kukhanya lokuncane kulotilotita, kwatsi bhu . . . emafasiteleni batohlola kutsi ngabe nguye yini noma ngumuntfu-nje. Beva asasho ngelivi lakhe lethena, bahlabelela liculo lakusihlwa.

Ngakusasa ekuseni Margaret wavuka wabuka ngaphandle, noma umoya wakhe wawungatsandzisisi kahle wahle-kahleka nemntfwanakhe wasutsi, "Kube ngisekhaya ngabe ngehla ngiyenyuka ngumsebenti, ngenta loku nalokwa, kumbe lapha ngitase ngiphumule."

Tifiso taBosco tachubeka, kepha abete imali yekuchubeka, nebafana nabo bafuna kudla nekwewembatsa, kepha Margaret atame kubapha langabanika kona. UMNikati wetinfo tonkhe waba naye. Nenina abetama kutsi abanike kudla badle noma sekunjani, noma angati kutsi angabhica ini nani! Kodwa yinye intfo labengayikhohlwa kutsi abafundzise liKhathekizima, netifundvo letiNgcwele.

Kutsite nga-1847 loPhetse teMfundvo weva ludvumo ngebafana lasebafundze tifundvo tengcondvo; watsandza kutsi aye kutibonela ngewakhe emehlo. Wafike wabavivinya ngalabakufundzile; wakhandza kutsi tinkhandlu, bakhaliiphile kakhulu etifundvweni tabo. Bazuzo imiklomelo yaloko.

KUCHIBELA LITSEMBA LELEPHUKILE

Kufisa kwaBosco kwachuma neliBandla lakhe nalo labanelidvumela. Bafana labatimphofana lababengenamakhaya netihlobo bacala kuhlala imphilo yebuntfu, kepha bate indzawo labangahlala khona. Waphumelela kutfola indlu lesitezi leyayisitebele, kuhlala tjani lobomile betimvu netinkhomo. Watsatsa emasaka wafaka tjani lobusebusha wenta imibhedze yebafana. Wabanika emashidi, netingubo tekulala, emahembe nemabhuluko ekulala ebusuku. Ngalelinye lilanga aphuma kuyovusela sigulane wakhandza bafana labaluhlata klaba! bamlindzele. Natsi chamu, watitsela bamhlambalata ngebuFundisi bakhe, basho yonkhe intfo labangasebayisho ngebaFundisi. Wababingelela ngemusa. Batsi, "Somile asinamali sifuna tjwala!" Ngekujabula watsi "Wotani siyonatsa." Bahlebelana batsi, "Hheyi, ulungile lomuntfu."

UMtsengisi labesamati watsi ingabe kwentenjani? Befika bahlala etafuleni wabita liwayini. Ekunatseni kwabo kwakheka budlelwane nempriste. Watsi ngicela ningentele intfo ibe yinye. Bavumela etulu batsi, "Yini?" Watsi Bosco, "Nikhulume kabi kucala, tsembisani kutsi nitakuyiyekela lenkhulumo lembi." Batsi, "Awu siyacolisa, sekwasingena lokuba baphoci, sitakwetama sikukhawule." "Nibota nitongi-bona ngeliSontfo lesigodlwani sekukhonta. Sekuhlwile kufanele ngabe senilele — emakhaya." "Site emakhaya." Kwakudzabukisa lokusho kwabo. Watsi labanemakhaya abahambeke, sitakuhamba nalaba labete emakhaya.

Behlukana-ke, labalishumi bahamba naDon Bosco, ngekuncoba lokukhulu wahamba nabo; wabanika bomatilasi betjani, nemashidi tingubo, nekwekulala. Base basho umthantazo weNkhosi naYethi Maria, wabavalelisa. Ngakusasa lababili bashayatjani nakokonkhe labebanikwe kona. Kwamdvubuta loku Bosco, kepha kwamenta washisekela kakhulu. Ngalelinye lilanga basehleti nenina kusihlwa-nje, banconcotselwa ngumfana, abengakembatsi lutfo, anetfwe abhacata! Bamngenisa bamotsisa kuze atokoma, base bamnika nekudla. Abesakhulakhulile angumakhi, abetokufuna umsebenti edolobheni laseTurin; nepadlana labenayo seyiphelile. Abeyintsandzane nelikhaya kute, nendlala itentela-nje.

Watsi Bosco, "Wake wemukela?" "Cha." "Wacimiswa?" "Cha." "Wake wavuma?" "Yebo nangisenamake." "Utimseleni-ke nyalo?" "Kangati," wasuyakhala — Margaret wakhala ngekuhawuka. Bosco watsi, "Kube ngati kahle mhlophe kutsi wetsembekile ngabe utakuhlala nami, kepha labanye sebangebele tintfo tekulala ngekubalalisa." Watikhalela umfana watsi: "Ngimphofu kona, kepha angibi." "Asimalise kwalamuhla," Kusho unina. "Alale kuphi?" "Edladleni." "Nasavuka abutsa emabhodo akho?" "Ngeke." Wamgcebela Margaret watsi kabathantaze kepha abengasati ngisho munye; wasutsi akawusho naye.

Ngakusasa Bosco wamtfolela umsebenti. Abebuya atokudla, alale khona. Hhawu, batfutsekela nalabanye. Watfole lenye intsandzane wayikhandza ikhala, weta nayo kunina watsi, "Make nansi lenye indvodzana; nayo wayitfolela umsebenti; nalabanye labanyenti. Kwadzingeka indzawo yengeteke ngebunyenti balabobafana, kwafuneka asale ayitsatse yonkhe leyondlu yalomuntfu, kepha loku kwakubita timali. Futsi lomnikati-pulazi abefuna timali letishisiwe; tinkhulungwane letingemashumi lasiphohlongo temalangen. Bosco wabindza nakeva ngalelinani lelifunekako. Kutsite ngalelinye lilanga bahlangana. Watsi, "Uyafuna yini kuwutsenga lomuti wonkhe?" Watsi Bosco, "Nayintsengo yawo ingagongonyi." "Ngiyo leyo njengoba weva." "Cha, asingachubeki." "Unganginika malini lonayo?" "Tati titsi lomuti tinkhulungwane letingemashumi lamabili nesihlanu noma emashumi lamabili nesiphohlongo etinkhulungwane; kepha mine bengingakunika letingemashumi lamatsatfu." "Kulungile." Yaphela-ke ingcaki.

Ngekumangala unina watsi, "Utayitsatsaphi lemali lengaka?" Watsi umntfwana kunina; "Make usho kutsi wephana kwendlula Nkulunkulu wena?" Nempela wayitsenga leyondlu ngeliviki, yabhadalwa yaphela. Don Cafasso wamnika lishumi letinkhulungwane nalomunye umpriste wamnika emashumi lamabili etinkhulungwane kuze andzise lukholo. Nga-1851 yase iyaBosco ngempela leyondzawo asatakwenta lakubonako ngayo. Bafana labebasebenta edolobheni babe-hlala khona, batfola kudla nekulala khona; emini bebabuya batokudla lidina labo; kantsi nekuseni babekutfole kudla bahambe nengcamu futsi; banikwe zuka wekutijabulisa.

Nasebahambile Margaret abesale acoce titja atigeze. Timphahla letatiswela kugezwa tatitinyenti kabi, futsi tingcolile. Noko konkhe loku abekwenta ngenhlitiyo lenhle, angakhononi. Naye Bosco abemsita unina ngekutfunga lakufundza kumtfungi lake wahlala kuye ngesikhatsi asafundza incwadzi lephansi.

Unina wacasuka ngalelinye lilanga; kwaphela lutsandvo Watjela indvodzana kutsi, abeva . . . labafana bafihla emabhodo, badzilila netimphahla letenekiwe batingcolise; futsi banyatsela letibhijwana latihlanyelele kutsi batidle bona, badzabule tintfo tabo; balahle naloku lokutsengwe kamatima kangaka! Watsi, "Kuncono ngihambe ngibuyele emtini wami hhayi kuhlushwa ngulabafana labanganakekeli, kodwa kusitwa bona." Indvodzana yamkhombisa luNcamlezo. Bathula sikhshana, "Wakhala unina watsi, "Ucinisile mntfwanami;" wabuyela wagcoka sidziya sakhe wachubeka nemsebenti wakhe.

Asacabanga kwakha lisontfo, wakhumbula liphupho lapho lamtjengisa lona atjengiswa nguMaria, uMelusikati; kwakungesikhatsi acabanga kutsi utakubatsini lababafana. Lalakhiwe njengalapha . . . lisontfo; tilaphayana tindzawo tekusebentela yonkhe inhlobo yemisebenti. Wamtsatsa waya naye loMelusikati kulelosontfo watsi asasemnyango "Yindlu Yami-ke lena neBukhosi Bami, kuyakwenteka njengoba ubonisiwe lapha ephushweni."

Ligushede laselentiwa lisontfo nalo laselibalincane ngoba bafana besebalikhulu nemashumi lasihlanu bunyenti. Kwakuminyetelwana kungasasukumeke. UmBhishobhi nakatocinisa; kwakuba siminyamina-nje. Neluphahla lwalulufisha,

kantsi nesiyo naso sembiwa kusishonisa kancane; kwakutsi nalinile kwente umncitsi lapha phansi. Sisekelo selisontfo lelisha sacalwa nga-1851; saniketwa libito laSanti Francis waseSales kutsi ate alilondvolote kube nguyena lidloti labo. Nembala lwalugeleta lusito yaphela ngemjako lendlu kwa-khiwa kwayo.

Hulumende neliBandla lakhe abengatsandzi kuva kutsi bapriste benta lusito lolunjengekufundzisa nekonkla bantfu. Umpriste lowabesita Bosco bese bamedvukisele emaveni. Emakhosatana labehlala etigodlweni acosha eTaliyane; tiGodlo tibhidlitiwe; Bosco yena wafike wakha kabusha. Abenenhlanhla ngekutsi iNdvuna yeTasekhaya beyingumngani wakhe. Nakabona lokufundziswa kwebafana labebaboshwa njalo sekutintfo telijele letatiwa ngebugcwelegcwele; wabanelufiso kutsi aye etiboshweni ayosita labo labebaboshiwe. Kulelijele lemahlongandlebe wakhandza emakhulu lamatsatfu. Kwakunebafana labancane, labadzinga lusito. Kwenteka ummangaliso ngobe labafana baya kuyovuma, balungiselela nekwemukela ngePhasika.

Ngemhawu wacela kulowabeciza lijele kutsi abavakashise, sebake bashaywe ngumoya. Wala watsi "Ungacela kulabaKhulu loko." Wakhuluma naleNdvuna yetasekhaya nayo yacale yamfima, kepha ngekukhumbula kutsi babangani, angeke amjabhise kulesicelo sakhe. Yatsi kuhle ahambe nemaphoyisa agcoko tawo, hhayi inyunifomu amcizele lamahlongandlebe. Kepha wacela kutsi yena yedvwa-nje ulungile kuze batokhululeka kahle bangacwayi noma bentani. Logadza lijele watsi, "Sewuyakutetfula atetfweseke naku-khona lobalekako." Rattazzi, iNdvuna leyo nayo yatsi seyitakubona ngaye nasabuya nato tiboshwa! Kwamangala lidolobha lonkhe babona emahheke avulelwa tiboshwa, ngoba tatiwa ngekutsi tigebengu! Baphuma bafana bema tinhlu bajabule bonkabi, kwenteka labangatange bakubone, ngoba sebatsatfwa njengetilwane. Kwahanjwa-ke kuyiwa esigangeni. Bafana lalababakhulu basebenta njengetindvuna kutsi kubete namunye lotakwedzelela lompriste noma atame kunyamalala; batsembisa kutsi bayakumjuba intsamo. Kwacalwa ngeku-thantazwa wabafundzisa, basebacala kudlala-ke imidlalo yabo. Umsindvo kwatsi mpu . . .! Kwadlalwa, kwadlalwa baze badzinwa. Kwasekudliwa nengcamu lebeyiphetfwe. Nasekubuyelwa emuva, bambona kutsi udziniwe bamgibelisa embongolweni.

UMphatsi welijele nabobonkhe bamangala kubona babuya bonkhe kute ngisho naloyedvwa lonyamalele, emva kwekubalwa nabangenako. NeNdvuna yeTasekhaya nayo yacakeka ngulesento.

Nga-1857 kwaphela kwakha kwatsi — nya. Kulendlu kwakuhlala bafana labalikhulu nemashumi lasihlanu. Bebehlukene kabili, labanye babesebenta emafemini netitolo, labanye bafundzela buFundisi. Yimphi leleyadala emahlongandlebe. Phela labantfwana bebadzinge lusito ngoba batali babo besebafile. Kwasekute losabanaka sekutintfo-nje, tinzulane, ngisho bantfwana beticumcantja sekubantfukatana. Don Bosco bekabutsa bonkhe labebatfola atame nekutsi batfole kufundza, kuze batfole kutiphilisa kancono ngemuso. Abebacelela tindzawo tekufundza kumathishela.

Kuze azotsise umsebenti wakhe, lendlu lendzala wenta kutsi kufundzelwe kwenta ticatfulo, kutfunga nekubatela. Nakulelensha nakuyo kwakubatelwa, nalabahlanganisa tincwadzi kuze tibe ngemabhulu, Emuva kwesikhashana kwasekushicilelwa tincwadzi ngemishini lemikhulu. Labanye bebasebentisa tinsimbi bakhe ngato tintfo letitsite. Labefundze phambilini, besekutingcweti tekufundzisa khona lapho. Nalabafundzela buFundisi bebachubeka ngekwandza.

Emphilweni yaBosco yinye intfo leyamvisa buhlungu. Kwakungatsi unina abemele kutsi imisebenti yemntfwanakhe idvume, ibakuleke eveni. Kulokuhlupheka labebakuhlupheka; kwasekunelvelo nemhawu kulabanyenti; emakhosikati abesasita kuloku labekwenta Margaret, yena asaphumula. Kutsite nga-1856 wagula wabhuhha. Nasatakufa wayala umtfwanakhe Bosco watsi achubeke kwakhela ebumphofwini, angabuki bumengemenge. Unina abona kudzabuka kwendvodzana watsi akahambe ayothantaza esontfweni lapho abhajatiswa khona. Wahamba, yena wacela kuNkhosikati uMdvudvuti walabaLusizi kutsi amukele umphefumulo wakhe.

Emva kwesikhatsi lomunye webaFundisi abebukisisa kutsi kambe Bosco uyaphila yini kahle — hle! Wamenywa kutsi atoshumayela bafana khona eFrancis waseSales. Emva kwenkonzo ngesikhatsi badla nalabanye bapriste; lompriste wabuta kuBosco watsi, “Usawakhumbula-nje emaphupho akho? Sasitsi uyahlanya.” Nembala naliya lisontfo selakhiwe, tindlu tekufundzela imisebenti yonkhe, sekufundzelwa nanebuFundisi; nefana seyincumbi labahlalako.”

Kuleminyaka lelishumi kufisa lokukhulu nekutfutukisa, nekungaphumuli nesibindzi sekubeketela, kwachuma kwaya embili. Etikwelikhulu nemashumi lasihlanu ebafana, ngeli-Sontfo nangetinsuku temiKhosi bantfu lababechamuka etindzaweni letinyenti bafike bahlale lawomalanga ite iphele. Babephatseka kahle baze bahambe, ngiso naletotinhlawulo tabo babetenta ngekujabula lokukhulu beva umoya lomuhle sonkhe sikhatsi, batfole teluleko letimnandzi. Ngebunyenti bebantfu waze wakha lelinye lisontfo lalibita nga-Aloysius loCwebile, lidloti lalo. Kwakuphitsitela bete etimvuselelweni, tifundvo letiNgcwele tifundvwa malanga onkhe; ekuseni nantsambama; kuvunywa kwemukelwa. Natakwenta imvuselelo abeyaye abhalele bacashi kutsi bakhulule bafana bete etinkonzweni; nakabona kutsi ngeke bavume labanye balukhuni, aye yena matfupha ayokhuluma nabo baze bavume.

Kusesemvuselelweni, lomunye webafana wamkhandza akhala wambuta watsi: "Ukhalelani?" watsi ngilahle tono tami, Bosco watsi, "Jabula utakungena eZulwini nawutlahlile." "Mfundisi, ngisho liphepha lengitibhale kulo." Watsi: "Ungesabi nali kimi." Umfana wajabula wadzela asanekuhleka wasutsi: "Hhawu Mfundisi ngabe ngitsite ngiyatisola ngaletono tami letigcwele likhikhi lakho."

Kwakusehlobo ngemnyaka wa-1854 kwabanesibhadalala semsheko eTurin nasePiedmont neValdocco, silalisa-nje. Bagcinidolobha bavula tibhedlela letimbili. Kepha inkinga iyinye yekutsi kwakutakuba ngubani labetakutsintsana nalababesibakhwele. Wawungasitsatsaphi sibindzi ubona kugicika-nje, nalaba labanye nabo noma bangakafi, wati kahle mhlophe kutsi kubatsintsa-nje, nako kuwe! Tihlobo tetigulane tababalekela bantfu bakubo. Bosco lotfolakala noma kukuphi lasekuhlushekwe khona watinikela khona. Naye ngebunyenti betidvumbu netigulane, kwadzingeka labanye labatamsita; kwakute labangamsita nasekunje kuphela kwakufanele acele bafana bakhe. Kwavela emashumi lamane. Kwakudzingeke babontjintjana nabaya etigulaneni labanye batfole likhefu baphumute lalabebasebenta. Kwabonakala kutsi loko kuchitsa sikhatsi ngoba kuyafiwa akudlalwa! Sifo sasingakemi singakalindzi kutsi kwentiwe lokwa nalokwa, sona siya embili. Kwekutivikela kwase kungumthantazo bacela eNkhosikatini yeliZulu ibalondvolote. Lomunye webafana abona kufa kwebantfu, waculeka asangenaso sibindzi; kepha Bosco abesakhona edvute naye wammisa sibindzi, wacabuka.

Bafana labo bebahlukene tigatjana, ngetigatjana. Bebangena tigaba, ngetigaba; sibhedlela sasingahlali singakacizwa ngulabobafana basitana nabonesi. Babodvwa lababehla benyuka emafemini nakuletinye tindzawo temisebenti batfutsetela etibhedlela; labanye bahambela emakhaya, labanye bacinge etingosini babenyule khona. Bacashi nabo babaleka ngasatnaki letotisebenti tabo. Sabhoka tinyanga letintsatfu lesifo. Basebenta kangangoba labesingakabakhweli bamangala, batsi impela lomuntfu unesibindzi nelutsandvo. Kute ngisho munye kulabafana lesamekhwela lesifo baphila bhoncu bonkhana.

Live lonkhe laseTurin nasePiedmont lafisa kubona loBosco lotidvumo takhe tigcwele yonkhe indzawo. TiMishini tammema atotentela timvuselelo, netinkonzo letitsite! Abeshumayela emaciniso hhayi sihloko lesitsite, kumbe tembangave, noma emagcubu, cha! Abeshumayela liVangeli, kantsi yena lucobo-nje letento takhe tatilivangeli.

Abakhohlwanga kulenye yetimishini! Kwakulusuku loKwenyuka kweNkhosi. Lalibalele litse nkantu! Bantfu bakhona sebamangele. Enshumayelweni yakhe wabatsembisa kutsi litakuna. Watsi lompriste wesigodzi; "Hhawu, unesibindzi, utsembisa bantfu imvula ubona-nje kunje! Watsi yena, "Ngishito njalo yini?" "Yebo ushito, buta kulogcina indlu yekucokela bapriste." Bavumelana.

Lisontfo laleyomishini lalingatange ligcwele ngalendlela! Wawungatsi tinhlali esikoteleni, kuminyetelana. Lisha liVangeli, bavuma, baya neSidlweni seNkhosi kukuhle kunjeya! Nabahlangana naye bambute batsi utsi litakuna? Atsi-nje yena hambani nithantaze. Ngakusasa ngawo uMkhosi, impela laphuma litsite saka! Lalinjengemihleni, kungekho mehluko. Bosco watsi, "Utsi bengingalingi uMdali?" Wacabanga watsi, "Ngitakutsini kulabantfu?" Yakhala insimbi yenkonzo yantsambama. Liloku litse cwe! Watsi "Kepha Maria, Nkhosikati yeliZulu nangingalahlwa nguwe ngubani longangisita? Ngingentanjani ngalabantfu bakho longinike bona?" Watsi loMfundisi, "Licebo lakho ngabe lehluleke laphetsa, utakubayenga utsini nyalo?" Watsi, Kangati."

Wabita John lociza indlu yekugcokela watsi, Nginike umgaco," wamnika wawutsatsa macedze wacondza esontfweni. Wafike waguca wakhuleka ngekujula lokukhulu. Watsi Bosco kulobhasobha indlu yekugcokela akahambe ayobuka kutsi kute yini lifu noma linye-nje. Wabuya loJohn (umSakriste) watsi kute, kukhona-nje kwelifanyana lelingasho lutfo kepha kutakuphela nyalo-nje. Wathantaza watsi: "Make Nkhosikati kutakudvunyiswa wena nebukhulu bakho. Phani bantfu bakho imvula leyenele." Kusahlatjelelwa lihubo lekudvumisa Maria, kwacala kwahlwa. Wakhuphukela eLathini, kwachubeka kwahlwa ngemandla; lasho lagalela, lidvuma kwaze kwabakatsatfu. Lasho layitsela imvula lana impela. Kwakungasalaleli bona bantfu ngekujabula sebabona imvula; ngulowo asatse ndlo . . . ! Sekumnandzi nalenshumayelo. Emva kweSibusiso bema bangahambi liyidiva imvula kusuka emabhudlo. Bahamba selihhamukile kuyemakhaya kodvwa lingakasi.

Abengakawakhohlwa emavi eNina latsi; "Nkulunkulu uyabona, wati konkhe lokusekujuleni kwemicabango yakho." Ati kahle kusukela ebuntfwaneni bakhe kutsi titselo telukholo tisekujuleni, hhayi etindzaweni kuphela-nje. Wakhumbula advunyatwa ngulabanye baFundisi asesemncane, adzinge lusito neteluleko kuze ancobe tilingo takhe. Bebakhombisa kungabinasikhatsi naye. Yenake kubalandzeli bakhe wafuna kutsi batsatse tinyatselo takhe; kucindzetela, nekujezisa akunyanya kabi, atsi imbita yenhlaba ayelaphi kepha lucwephe linye lweluju luphilisa incumbi yebantfu.

Bebati kahle mhlophe kutsi Bosco abefundza tingcondvo; ngoba nakukhona lokwakwentekile abevele akutjele, njenge-mpholofethi. Lomunye kubafana wakhandvwa ngumngani wakhe akhala wambuta kutsi kwente njani? Watsi ngibukwe nguBosco. Watsi lolomunye umfana ingatsi nami ungibukile? Watsi, "Hhayi ngalamehlo labe-nje! Lomngani wambutela kuBosco kutsi kambe sibanibani abenteni? Watsi umpriste Bosco, "Uyati yena." Bafana babetihlonipha bona ngekwabo, ngiko-ke labekufuna; hhayi kweluswa njengenkhomo kungatsi ute ingcondvo. Yena abetsandza nakabona bafana badlala; bajabulile angenandzaba nemsindvo. Kulesinye sikhatsi wawubakhandza behla benyuka bahlabela ingoma leyatiwako yelive labo, bafola; kudvume imigcwaco netindledlana kuze kutsandze bantfu ngisho labasemadolobheni baphume babukele nabo ubeve sebayingenela leyongoma.

Waya eRoma ngalomunye umnyaka, abeyokhulumela libandla lakhe lasanalo nangekubona sidzingo sekutsi libene-lilungelo nemvume kutsi libhaliswe. Enkhulumeni yabo; kwaze kwangena insha. Watsi Bosco, "Kute longasukwente ngensha ngaphandle kwekutsi ube ngulomunye wabo ufanane nabo. Watsi uMengameli loMkhulu, "Ungatenta njani kutsi ufane nabo?" Watsi, "Ngingakutjengisa nangasutfole indzawo yebantwana labanyenti." Nembala watsi kakuletfwe likalishi lakhe. Bahamba-ke. Batsi ngcwa nabo bantwana badlala; lema likalishi. Zaya kubantwana, babaleka; kepha Bosco watsi phutsaphutsa emakhikhini akhe wakhapha emaswidi; wabita munye atotsatsa. Weta. Wabita nalomunye naye weta; basebayabuya nalalabanye babona kutsi kute lokubi, ngeke babashaye. Wase utsi, "Kunjani sidlale nente umdlalo wenu leniwutsandzako, nami ngitakudlala nani." Bamangala bahleka, wase uyesuka-ke umdlalo. Waphicela likhasoki lakhe Bosco, wangena ekhatsi naye. Badlala kwatsi sekummandzi wasutsi, "Hhayi sengiyahamba, nibota esontfweni nitosontsa, thantazani manje sibonge kutsi sesidlalile." Kwatsi mpu . . . ; umsindvo batsi, "Ungasahambi hlala natsi sidlale." LoMengameli wafundza lelisu laBosco; lammangalisa futsi.

EMASU LANEMANDLA

Ngesikhatsi John Bosco atsi utakwakha lisontfo netindlu tekusebentela, kube nebafana labenyenti nebaFundisi; kubangani bakhe kwaba sengatsi uyahlanya. Kwadzingeka labanye baFundisi bamsite, kakhulukati lalabafundziswe nguye. Licembu lekucala lamenyela inyama emantini, nelesibili nalo njalo. Wacabanga ngebaFundisi beTurin lababemsita sonkhe sikhatsi nakacakekile; kepha wadlanga umsebenti baphela emandla lalabanye basiti bakhe. Wabuyela emcondvweni wakhe wekucala wekucela bafana labebafundze kuye kadzeni, nempela watfola bababane. Wabuta kutsi bayafuna yini kusitana naye. Bamangala kutsi bangamsita njani bona. Watsi, "Ngetindlela letinyenti; kwekucala nitakucedzela imfundvo yenu; kumbe nje ningahle nibe bapriste ngubani longati? Ningakutsandza yini loko?"

Bakutsandza loko; basebenta ngekutimisela lokukhulu, nangemphumelelo ngoba kwatsi entfwasahlobo nga-1851; ngemvume yemBhishophi lowabecoshiwe kulakubo; wanikela bafundzisi bayakufundza eNyuvesi. Lababili behluleka kubeketela bashiya, lababili bachubeka nebuFundisi. Nabo bagcina behlulekile; kodvwa Bosco abengasheshi kulahla litsemba. Kutsite endlula ngeMakethe wahlangana nemfana libito lakhe lelalingu Michael Rua abeyesikolweni. Lomfana abemati Bosco wamcela iMetali. Namnika wenta shengatsi uyayicetula. "Nansi-ke Michael." Umfana wacakeka kutsi kushoni lalakwentako. Bosco watsi, "Emva kweminyaka letsite utakuba yincenye yami."

Don Rua walandzelwa ngulabanyenti yena-ke wasuba ngumBhishobhi emva kwaBosco. Lababuya emaphandleni nabo bangena ebuFundisini. Kutsite emva kwemikhuleko yakusihlwa, ngalelinye lilanga wabacela kube bayohlanganela endlini yakhe bayobonisana ngalakucabangile njengoba basitana; angafuni kwenta tintfo yedwana. Kutsite ngelusuku lwaFrancis waseSales bazilile bathantaza, bacela kutsi abacelele kuNkulunkulu abasite etinjongweni nasetinhlosweni tabo. Wasubetsa libito lekutsi ngemaSalesian; lokuhunyushwa ngekutsi, lisebenta ngenjabulo, kwetsembeka, kuhlonipha, kubeketela nangelukholo lolungesabi lutfo. Tatitifungo tabo labebatenta nabagcotjwako, babeholwa nguJohn Bosco. Lomuti kwasekufanele ubusiswe, wetfweswe umchele wekuncoba kuze bakwati kulwa netitsa. Don Bosco naDon Rua baba bekučala kutsatsa tifungo tabo temaSalesian. Kodvwa kwakudvonseka matima kuyoyonkhe indlela yabo.

Kwakusikhatsi sekucaphelisisa kuletotinsuku. Hulumende bekangevani neliBandla alinga ngemandla akhe onkhe kunyundza baFundisi nemihlangano yabo nakokonkhe loku-phatselene nemaKatholika. Kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wa-1857 nakuphuma sisekelo semitsetfo yemihlangano lomusha wemaSalesian uphuma kuPhapha. Rattazzi iNdvuna yeTasekhaya abengakabukhohlwa bungani bakhe naBosco. Watsi kumngani wakhe, "Uyakwentenjani ngalomsebenti loku asihlali lomphelo emhlabeni? Yini ungakhi licembu lelicinile leliyakusala lichuba lomsebenti ngoba kuyabonakala kutsi wesihawu nelusito lomsebenti." Watsi Bosco, "Ingani lemitse . . ." Akalimitanga livi, leNdvuna yase itsi, "Lemitsetfo beyingavumelani nalemihlangano lemidzala; wena-ke yakha

yensha ichube ngesizotsa njengoba wetama wena.” Watsi Bosco, “Ngisayocabanga.” Ngemnyaka wa-1858 waya eRoma ahamba naRua baya kuPhapha wemfica; naye vele abefisa kuva ngalokuphelele ngemisebenti yaBosco. Sebafikile, Phapha wabutisisa njengaRattazzi watsi; “Kambe nawungafa nyalo, ngubani longachuba lomsebenti?” Watsi Bosco, “Ngite ngako-nje Babe loDvumisekako.”

Waniketa Phapha sisekelo semitsetfo labebayidvwebile, ihlelwe ngendlela labayifuna ngayo. Nababuyela emva, bafike kwabanjwa umhlangano lomkhulu wemaSalesian. Ngemnyaka wa-1862 kwafunga labangemashumi lamabili nabane kunge-nela buFundisi, balandzeli bakaBosco. Kulabangena boDon Rua lowagcina asangumBhishophu, Don Cagliero waba ngu-Mengameli lomkhulu, Don Albera wabangulophetse ba-Fundisi jikelele; labanyenti babeneyabo imisebenti, baphetse lapha nalapha.

Kwatsi akhuluma nabo-Bosco watsi, “Madvodzana, sisesikhatsini lesilukhuni, akufuneki kwentiwe imihlangano lemisha; sisengotini yekutsenini sivalwe singakachubeki; kepha Nkulunkulu uyawubona umsebenti wetfu kulobumati ngoba sifuna imiphefumulo kuphela; angahlalanjani-ke angasiphi lesikudzingile nasicela; asiphe nemandla sente imimangaliso emhlabeni kuze advunyiswe ngebuKhosi Bakhe. Inkhulumo yakhe sonkhe sikhatsi kulabesebamati yayikupholofetha. Abetsemba kakhulukati kusitwa ngeTulu.

Watfola umfanyana lowabenguDominic ngelibito; anesifo sekusheka ingati, nekubulawa sisu, wahamba naye waya esigidlweni sebafana angenandzaba kutsi unesifo lesitsatse-lwanako. Wakhonsa iminyaka lemitsatfu lomfana, wase uyabhubha. Kodvwa imisebenti yakhe yadvuma, noma abesigulane-nje. Abefundzisa labanye bafana liKhathekizima, nemithantazo labo labadzinge yona. Abeyingcweti nanemidlalweni akwati impela; kodvwa ekugcineni kwayo sekwehlukwana atsi, “Sibobonana phela majaha esontfweni!” Bavume nembala bebeta. Watsi Bosco, “Kushumayela kaku-siko kuma epulupiti kuphela, tinyenti tindlela tekudoba tinhlanti.” Kwatsi ngalesinye sikhatsi abukeka agula watsi Dokotela, akahambe neYise asaye ekhaya ayophumula uyakubuya asancono. Wala watsi, “Ngingeke ngisabuya, ngifuna

kuhlala na Bosco.” Dokotela emva kwemalanganyana-nje wadvumisa kubancono kwakhe; kodvwa yena wacela umpriste kutsi amentele Sidlo seNkhosi salabagulako. Wasenta loMfundisi. Watsi futsi ucela atsatse incwadzi yakhe yekuthantaza asho umthantazo walabafako. Kulomthantazo kwakukhona indzawana letsi: “Kuze ngidvumise buKhulu bakho njalonjalo kuze kube phakadze.” Watsi, “Nako-ke lebengikudzingile, ngidvumise iNkhosi kuze kube phakadze.” Waphangalala njalo. Nga-1954 wentiwa Santi, entiwa nguPhapha Pius welishumi nakubili.

Inhlangano lenye leyayibitwa ngekutsiwa *ngema-Waldensian, yayilicembu lelalilwa naye Bosco. Yayibhala ibagecke isho loku naloku ngabo. Kutsite ngalelinye lilanga afundzisa bafana liKhathekizima kusihlwa, weva adutjulwa ngelifasitela, kepha inhlavu yaphuma ekhwapheni yadzabula ingubo lengumhushahusha yakhe yebuFundisi. Watsi kubafana “Asichubekeni.” Kwakufanele kube yingoti lematima lena.

Kulawo malanga batfumela tigijimi letimbili timlandzele umuntu lebekagula. Watsi kubafana lababili abahambe naye. Tatsi tigijimi, “Bayekele sitakukuciza kahle-nje natsi!” Watsi, “Cha, ngisabashayisa umoya.” Batsi ekuphumeni kwabo-nje, wasutsi lolomunye kulalababemlandzile abeme lapho usayolungisa sigulane. Basemile, tidzakwa tatsi: “Hheyi Mfundisi mani, nankha emantongomane singadla.” Watsi “Cha, ngiyabonga.” “Iwayini-ke,” basho bayigcwalisa engilazini. Watsi, “Ngiyabonga.” Lomunye wasutsi, “Uyasetfuka, nawungafuni kunatsa ngesihle utayinatsa ngenkhani-ke.” Waphindza Bosco watsi: “Kumbe kulamadvodzana lengihamba nawo anganatsa.” Batsi, “Hhayi-bo kunikwe wena.” Kwakusolisa loku ngoba wasutsi natsi akayobonana nesigulane, watsi lolomunye kulalakeme naye usayolungisa. Wafuhlekela ngenkhani Bosco asaya kuso sigulane, kepha ekungeneni kwakhe, nakavula umnyango wakhangwa ngemehlo labovu. Yena lolobetsite uyolungisa sekunguye sigulane asangene etingutjeni tekulala. Wametfuka, asatfuka Bosco. Waphuma wahamba Bosco.

* EmaWaldensian kwakuyinhlangano leyayilwa nelukholo lwema-Khatholika iphikisa Don Bosco.

Kutsite ngalesinye sikhatsi nakahambisele umfati uMgcobo walabagulako asaphansi kwekufa, wahlangana nalobunye bumatima. Watsatsa bafana labane futsi. Watsi uyangena-nje watitseta emadvodzeni lamane ahlome aphelele ngemishiza. Wangena wababingelela, wengca aya kumfati lobekacuma kabuhlungu alele embhedzeni. Atsi lawomadvodza, "Khwesha lapho wena, ungatsintsi lutfo!" Bosco yena akhuluma nalomake watsi, "Uyafuna yini kuvuma?" Watsi lomake, "Kute lengingakwenta nganasibheva lesingu-Mkhulawami." Lomunye walawomadvodza watsi: "Thula wena!" Basho bacima lellokhandlela lekuphela kwatsi khwishi! Basho bamvutsela ngesibhakela lesasingamdvunga ingcondvo; naye watsi angisephutisanga watsatsa situlo wavika ngaso, bagatelela sona; wasijika kubo waphuma wabamba indlela watsatsa nebafana emnyango bangenela umgwaco, kwaba kusindza kwakhe njalo.

Kwakuhlupha ekutseni labebalwa naBosco base bange-nelana nalaba labanye ngekubona kutsi sewubehlulile yena, noma kulukhuni kumtfolo lula yena. Bona-ke bebate tibindzi njengaye bebatsengeka lula. Kwefika livi lelitsi lomunye webafana bakhe kulalabadzala uphansi kwekufa; udzinge kubonana nempriste. Kwatfunyelwa kaningi kutsi kasetumkhandza. Lomfana abesahlubukele kulelicembu lelalilwa naye Bosco. Wacela unina lomfana kutsi ambitele umpriste. Batfunyelwa bapriste, abancandze lamaWaldensian; ngoba lomfana abesahlala agadziwe lolobegula, ebusuku nemini. Bosco wanikela khona netikhwahla tebafana bakhe lababili. Wavinjelwa emnyango njengalalabanye, bambuta kutsi ufunani? Nabaphendvulako watsi: "Ngitobona sigulane." Batsi, "Ngeke usibone, Dokotela utsite kungangeni muntfu." Watsi Bosco, "Anginasikhatsi sekuchitfwa, ngifuna kubonana nenina." Batsi, "Ufunani wena, nanguya unina!" Bosco wababingelela watsi, "Nkhosikati yelucolo, ninjani? Injani indvodzana?" Washo achubekela emnyango. Watsi lomunye wetitsa, "Utsi ungive kahle kutsi ngitsiteni? Hamba, akungenwa." Kumphendvula kwaDon Bosco, wasuke wamchilitela lapha! Wavula umnyango. Nakatsi lungu-nje, wamemeta umfana lofako watsi: "Awu Don Bosco, Don Bosco ngenabo!" Sasesishito sigwevagweva satsi, "Kwekugcina nyalo, phuma! Lomfana usemabhukwini etfu." Kusho lendvodza. Atsi-ke naBosco: "Etikwelishumi leminyaka wabhalwa kwami. Myekeleni atehlukanisele yena. "Peter, ufunani?" asho

asambita. Atsi Peter: “Ngatalwa ngiliKhatholika ngiyaphe-
ndvuka nyalo kukokonkhe lokubi lengikwentile ekuhlubukeni
kwami ngenhlitiyo yami yonkhe. Kwathula kwatsi dvu . . .!
Wasala Bosco nesigulane asidvudvuta ngekwemphefumulo
saze saphangalala.

Abekukhontile kutsi abhale tincwadzi tibe tekufundza.
Wabhala umlandvo wemaTaliyane kuze ufundvwe etikolweni;
wabhala nalenye lephatselene netibalo (maths.); wase ubhala
tincwadzi teNkhohlo naletinyenti letiphatselene nalo lukhohlo
tifundvwa eBandleni. Ngesikhatsi sakusihlwa yena abesebenta
abhalana naletincwadzi.

Cha; lakhula liBandla ngesizotsa, kepha asidvumisi
sonkhe nasibona lomunye enta lokuhle. Kwenteka Bosco
wenta luhambo lwakhe lwesibili kuyakubonana naPhapha,
ayocele imvume lephelele. UmBhishophu loMkhulu weTurin
abecabanga kutsi mncane lomsebenti lowentiwako wekutsi
kungafundzela bapriste; kantsi nalabebamsita kwakuba-
priste besiFundzaBhishobhi sakhe. Wasukhipha satiso sekutsi
kabafanele bayositana naBosco kulabakakhe nebapriste;
kepha bona lalabancane-nje bapriste babetinsika leticinile,
wachubeka umsebenti endzaweni lapho bekunaBosco. Lo-
mBhishophu watsi akasebentise lalabebafundziswe nguye
Bosco lucobo. Watsi Bosco, “Mhlekezi, lomsebenti ungawa
nangingatfoli lusito kuwe.” UMhlekezi watsi: “Kute-ke
langamsita ngabo naye.” Atsi Bosco; “Kuncono-ke siyibhekise
kuPhapha lenkhulumo.” Amphendvule atsi uMhlekezi,
“Yintfo lencane-nje tsine nawe singayilungisa lenzaba.”
Kumcake Bosco kutsi ushoni ngoba kwachubeka imi-
nyaka kungapheli lokuchukulutana. Waphindze wabuyela
khona eNdlunkhulu kuyotigicita, ngoba nakhona kwakuloku
kuvakele imibiko lebika ngekungevani nakusetjentwako.
Nakhona sewungenile lowomoya, liBandla letiKhonti telu-
Kholo netemiGomo yeKweluleka, yayisuke itsambele lobu-
hichihici; ingayakhi inchubekelaphambili. Bosco abetfole
incwadzi lephuma kuMabhalane loMkhulu webeMtsetfo
leyamenta aze aye eRoma. Lapha ngemuva bamsola bangani
bakhe batsi akaseme kuze kuphele umhlangano waPhapha.
Sihlangu sakhe kwakungumthantazo. Sitsa sakhe lesikhulu
kunguMkhadinali; abenemshana wakhe lowabephetfwe yitha-
yizeze; watsi kuBosco akahambe ayomhlola. Nembala waya.
Watsi atsi chamu! Batsi batali bemfana: “Sita uselaphele

yena." Watsi Bosco. "Tsembani kuNkhosikati yekuSita ema-Khristu, asicaleni sincumo semthantazo setsembe yena." Bosco yena wacala khona lapho, wasuyambusisa umfana, wahamba. Emva kwetinsuku letintsatfu waya loMkhadinali kuyohlola umshana, wamkhandza atihlalele embhedzeni akhuluma. Bamangala batali bakhe kanye naMalume wakhe loMkhadinali; wasutsi kuBosco, "Ufuna ngikwenteleni?" Watsi Bosco; "Yinye-nje intfo lengifuna ungentele yona kutsi, usikhulumele kuPhapha ngalelicembu lami lemaSalesian kuze liphumelele." Waphendvula watsi "Ngitakukwentela konkhe lokushoko." Nempela wacina sitsembiso sakhe.

Kwakungakaneli loko kwakufanele abonane naMabhalane wemaKhadinali. Waya endlini yakhe. Wamkhandza aphatsekile abulawa ngematsambo, nelutwane lolukhulu, kucacamba. Wamemukela khona ebuhlungwini bakhe watsi; "Ngingakwentelani Bosco?" Watsi, "Ngicela ungikhulumele kuPhapha kuze siphumelele tsine maSalesian." Watsi, "Ngeмпela ngingakwenta, kepha ngisebuhlungwini lobu-nje! Angikwati ngisho kususa lunyawo." Watsi Bosco "Tsemba iNkhosikati, uMsiti wemaKhristu utakuphila, kodvwa ungakhohlwa tidzingo tetfu tsine maSalesian." Watsi, "Ngeke ngikhohlwe, nangingase ngikwati-nje kufika kuPhapha." Atsi Bosco, "Kusasa-nje," Mabhalane acakeke. "Utsi kusasa! Njani? loku ngingatsi nyiki! Awukwati lokushoko." Atsi Bosco, "Nawetsemba iNkhosikati utakubancono." Ngakusasa kwasa atihambela buhlungu kute wavele wajakela kuPhapha, njengekutsembisa kwakhe.

Emva kwemalanga Bosco wabonana naPhapha; bakhuluma inkhulumo lendze kabi. Watsi Phapha, ngetsemba kutakulunga nangase nivumelane naMonsignor Svegliati lolwa nalenkhulumo yakho. Nakuncobeke yena kutakulunga konkhe.

Wacondza kuye Bosco, wamkhandza naye asha, aphefwe yimfuluwenza. Watsi, "Hhawu, yinhlanhla yami lembi Nkhosi yeTikhulu ngikukhandze ugula kangaka! . . . ngikudzinge kakhulu kangaka, ngendzaba yelicembu lale . . . lapho ngiphuma khona!" Satsi sigulane, "Awu akulula Bosco, uyangibona ngiyafa!" Noma kunjalo Nkhosi yami, ngikudzinge kabi kutsi ube ngakitsi ngoba naPhapha udzinge imvume leseluleko sakho. "Kepha ngingente njani ngigula

kangaka?" Lalela-ke, tinikele eNkhosikatini, umSiti wema-Khristu utsembe kuye utakusindzisa, nafutsi utsembise kutsi utawukhulumela emaSalesian licenjana lelincanyana-nje. Masinyane-ke utakwelulama. "Hha, ukhuluma ngekwetsembe lokukhulu kabi wena Bosco!" "Ake ukutame lengikutjela kona, tsemba Kuye." "Ndvodzana, nangibona buncono ngiyacimisa ngitanikhulumela ngibe ngakini." kwaphela kukhwehlela ngakusasa, kushisa kwehla ezingeni lalapho bekukulo, vele asancono kakhulu. Emuva kwekuhlangana kwabo watsi kuBosco, utayimelela lendzaba.

Elangeni lelalibekiwe kutsi itakukhulunywa lendzaba, bafana lababili bantjintjana embikweLilathi bathantaza ngekungancamuki. Waphumelela Bosco enkhulumeni yakhe noma kwakungakafiki ezingeni labelibhekile kodvwa kwakungasafani ngoba naye abesanako kwenta imitsetfo lelingene. Wancunyelwa iminyaka lelishumi asebenta. Wabuyela ekhaya ngeligunya.

Don Bosco abengalikhohlwa liphupho lakhe laliboniswa nguMake weliZulu; ngebuhle balo. Le Santi Francis wase-Sales, indlu yelisonfho yase iyincane kabi, kantsi ekucaleni yayiyinkhulu. Kwakukutsi bantfu bebachamuka ndzawana tonkhana ngoba kwakute emasontfo etindzaweni tangakubo. Kambe khona emini yekuseni kwakugcwala kutsi ma! Kwakudvuma tindvonga nabahlabela. Abevumisa kuze kube sebusuku; batsi bangacedza bese bayakudla nalabo abenabo bapriste. Kutsite basadla watsi Bosco kubo: "Bengingasati kutsi ngentani, besekulahleke umcondvo lekuvumiseni sekukhona kutsi, kambe sitalakha yini lisontfo lapho labantfu bayakugcwala khona benele kahle bonkhe. Liyakubitwa ngekutsi ngumSiti wemaKhristu; ngoba leli lesinalo selincane kabi! Kepha konkhe loku kusho timali phela.

Watsi Bosco kuDon Cagliero, ngilolelilanga nasisungula lomsebenti, nyalo-ke umSiti wemaKhristu ufuna simdvumise kuletikhatsi tekuhlupheka. Liphansi kwakhe lelisonfho lengilifuna lakhiwe libitwe ngaye, uNina weliBandla. Yebo utakuba ngumSiti nemLondvoloti wetinswelo tetfu. Atsi Don Anfossi, "Litakwakhwaphi? Dvutane naleli? Litakubanganani? Yebo ingatsi bantfu bagcwala batsi ma! kulona leli-nje."

Banikati bemhlaba bacakacakela ngalelibito lalelisontfo batsi litakungenisa bona etindlekweni, kanye nebaPhatsi-dolobha. Bebangali kutsi alakhe besaba kutsi naHulumende angase adzingeke kubasita. Bosco wachaza sizatfu sekutsi yini alicambe kanje lisontfo. Sisekelo sembiwa nga1863 Kutsenga lendzawo nako kwacedza imali esikhwameni, soma gece! UmGcinisikhwama wabubula manje ngekutsi sewute ngisho yekuposa tincwadzi. Watsi Bosco, "Kodvwa mine wasewangibona nginemali nangicala kwenta lutfo? UmLondvoloti uyabona tinswelo tetfu." Kwevakala tikhalo tabo tenyuka tindvonga soma njalo sikhwama. Watsi umakhi, "Nginike lengitakunika tisebenti." Watsi Bosco, "Tsatsa loko lenginako." Bosco washo watsintsitsa sipashi, kwadzilika emasenti layimfica kuphela wamangala umakhi. Watsi ungahlupheki iNkhosikati itakutfumela konkhe lengikweswele ngilibhange lakhe.

Kwenteka kepha akuyanga njengekufisa. Eminyakeni lesihlanu kwaphindze kwema kwakha. Don Bosco abenekwetsemba lokumangalisako noma sekulukhuni; kantsi liciniso kutsi Nkulunkulu usita labatisitako; wasebenta matima kabi. Kwentiwa kubheja ngemathikithi labenemvume yaHulumende, kulabo labatsandza kusita lelisontfo; tiNkhosana, nalabanikela ngetitina, njalo njalo. Waphuma futsi walibangisa eTaliyane kuyocela inkhongotelo; noko wayitfola sibili, nebantfwini sebadziniwe ngaleminikelo; yena akadzi-nwanga ngumthantazo wemandla longehluleki. Atsi kute ngisho linye litje laph' esontfweni lelingesilo lakhe Make wetu; asho ngoba abemile ngemthandazo acela kuye.

Ngalelinye lilanga kwasekutsi akayekele kuchubeka, asale atsendisa ngalendlukati leyayisenhlitiyweni yakhe. Wahamba waya esicebini lesasigugile sigula kabi. Satsi sicebi, "Ngiyafa Bosco." "Cha, awufi nakancane. Ungentani manje nangabe umSiti wemaKhristu angakusindzisa?" Satsi, "Ngingakunika emakhulu lasihlanu Emalangeni, tinyanga letisitfupha." "Chabo, mine ngitsite ngidzinge emakhulu lasitfupha kuphela-nje." "Hhayi asingachubeki ngalenzaba," wahlala phansi dvute nembhedze wakhe bacoca ngetindzaba tekungenisa timali. Satsi sigulane, "Mine ngifuna kutsi ngiphile, loko singakukhuluma nasengiphilile." Watsi Bosco, "Mani sibindzi sengiyekhaya kubafana kutsi bakuthantazise." Emva kwemalanga lamatsatfu wachamuka asaletse leyomali labeyitsembise kutsi utayikhipha nangase aphilile.

Kwatsi ngeLweti (November) kwafuneka kutsi Bosco abhadale tinkhulungwane letisiphohlongo teMalangeni ngaleyontsambama. Abete lutfo. Don Rua longumGcinisikhwama wahamba nebangani bacela lusito. Babuya badzinwe bafile, bebatfole tinkhulungwane letimbili kuphela. Babukana bodvwa bamangala kutsi sekutakwentiwanjani-ke? wahleka Bosco, watsi abayokudla sekutakuphuma yena ngemuva kwekudla. Ngensimbi yekucala emini yantsambama, wabekeka endleleni angati kutsi uyakabani; kuphela abeke emhantazweni labehamba awusho. Watikhandza aseme esiteshini lesikhulu; wema amangele kutsi utakususa lunyawo alubhekisephi. Wabingelelwa sisebenti sesicebi, simbona ngetembatfo tebaFundisi Satsi, "Ngicela kubuta mFundisi kutsi awusiye yini Don Bosco?" "Yebo nginguye, ngingakwentelani?" "UMnumzane wami ufuna kukubona." "Kuphi?" "Lapha . . ." asho akhomba indlu lenhle kabi. "Unjingile, kumbe angakusita ngekwakha lelisonfto lakho."

Wangena endlini lebetsa umoya, ihlotjiswe kahle kakhulu. LoMnumzane abelele embhedzeni agula. Watsi, "MFundisi ngidzinge umkhuleko wakho, ungikhulule kulokusha; ngiyetsemba utangisindzisa." Watsi Bosco, "Sewugule sikhatsi lesingakanani?" Satsi sigulane, "Iminyaka lemitsatfu ngisebuhlungwini lobungancamuki. Angisakwati ngisho kutsi khwatsa! Nabodokotela abanginiki ngisho lelincane litsemba lekuphila." "Sandla saNkulunkulu sinemandla. Uma unga-sindza ungentani?" "Hhawu, ngingakunika tinkhulungwane letilishumi teMalangeni kutsi wakhe lisontfo lakho." Watsi Bosco, "Hhayi, seyinyenti kakhulu mine ngidzinge tinkhulungwane letisitfupha kuphela!" Watsi lomuntfu, "Kantsi uyadlala, yini yona leyo? Bengicabanga kutsi uyakhuluma." Watsi Bosco, "Asiyiyekele lendzaba." Wasondzela ngembhedzeni wakhe bacoca ngendlela yekungenisa timali. "Kepha mFundisi lokukhulu kutsi ngisindze." "Kuphila kwakho kutsi unginike lelengikucelile." Satsi sigulane, "Nawungangithantazela ngingabona kutsi ngingentani." Watsi Bosco, Phela lemali ifuneka nyalo ntsambama." Satsi sigulane, "Ingatsi kufuneka ngiye ebhange-nje!" Atsi Bosco, "Yini pho ungayi?" "Hhawu, ngingasahambi iminyaka lemitsatfu ngingahamba ngitsini?" Watsi Bosco, "Kute lokwehlula Nkulunkulu."

Bosco wabita tisebenti kutsi tiletse tingubo teMnumzane tekugcoka. Tatsi tona, "Utsi tisekhona lomuntfu sekalala

phansi iminyaka lemitsatfu!" "Hambani nitilandze." Kwangena Dokotela watsi bayahlanya bonkhe kantsi. Sagcoka sigulane basibona sitatabuka endlini. Akasekho njalo Bosco. Wachamuka kuBosco anekujabula lokwecile! Watsi, "Ngi-philile saka!" Watsi Bosco, "Uyabona-ke ukhiphe imali yakho ebhange; neliVirigo lakukhipha embhedzeni."

Ngemandla ekuthantaza, nangekusebenta lokunelukholo, lachubeka lisontfo late laphela. Kutsite selitakuphetfwa, Don Bosco watsatsa umfana lomncane wemngani wakhe labelusito kakhulu kutotonkhe tintfo; wakhuphuka naye waya naye esicongweni. Watsi kumfana akabeke siphetfo sekucala, wasibeka umfana.

TINDLELA TEKUBA NGUSANTI

Etikwebafana labalikhulu labebahlala esigodlweni sa-Bosco; banyenti labebangekho emkhondvweni wakhe. Umholi wemashingana ebafana wamangala kukhandza lomunye wabo angekho wabuta kulalabanye kutsi ingabe ushonephi. Batsi, "Wo, uye kuDon Bosco, lapho bafana badlala khona, bagijime batungelete, bahlabele, bathantaze, bese baya esontfweni." Watsi, "Badlale, bagijime! Kukuphi lapho? Nako-ke lapho kungaya mine." Batsi bangani bakhe, "Kuse-Valdocco."

Wahamba umfana wakhandza kutsi iminyango ivaliwe sebaye esontfweni bafana. Wacanca lubondza watsi gilikidzi ebaleni. Umfana walaba labahlala khona wambona wasutsi kabahambe esontfweni. Nabangena, bakhandza inshumayelo isekhatsi. Kwakushumayela uMfundisi Don Borel. Yayitsilenshumayelo, timvu nguletihlala imphilo yebuntfu; kodwa timphisi tihlala imphilo yebulwane. Wabachazela kutsi bona bacizekile etimphisini, bagadvwe tinjongosi tetinja lapho imphisi ingeke ilinge ifohle. Watsi babota njalo esontfweni batovuma bemukele Sidlo seNkhosi. Watsi bacwaye bangani lababi labadvukisanako, ngoba bona abamesabi Nkulunkulu, baphila ngekwetfuka, nangekuba bente konkhe lokungemanyala.

Kulesivakashi kasitange sesive inshumayelo lecacile nje-ngale, ivakale kahle kangaka! kwatsi ngemuva kwenshumayelo base bahlabela bafana ingoma yekudvumisa Maria. Kwadvuma indlu yonkhe; sivakashi sikutsandza naso kuhlabela sangena ekhatsi, sisho ngelivi lelimnandzi. Emva kwenkonzo sabuta kulomngani waso kutsi kambe nguye yini lo-Bosco lobekashumayela. Watsi umfana "Asambe ngiyekukuhombisa." Batsi bachamuka, abebungelwe bafana wasababonile Bosco, wabahlangabeta wambingelela ngemoya lomuhle impela waze naye wajabula njengalalabanye. Watsi Bosco, "Asidlale nawe." Watsi futsi uhlabela kamnandzi sengatsi angamfundzisa yena, unelivi lelihle kabi. Abeseta njalo lomfana, eta nebangani bakhe. Batsi kubebeve batali bakhe batfukutsela batselwa ngemanti. Bamshaya. Bacala kumphatsa kabi impela lomfana. Kodvwa wabatjela kutsi kute intfo lembi labayifundzizwako kepha kuhle konkhe. Bamphatsa kabi waze wabaleka waya kuBosco wayobhaca. Basebakhona batali batsi: "Siyakukumangalela eNkantolo; ngiyo letakukhipha lomtfwanetfu etidvwabeni takho wena Mfundisi." Watsi Bosco, "Nami ngitakuhamba nani ngiyekufakaza ngenhlupho leniyenta kuye." Bahamba badzambile nakasho njalo. Ngekuhlakanipha esikolweni abetigijimela-nje, waze wabangumPriste, longumhlabeleli futsi.

Don Bosco wesuka ayakuhhula lapho kuhhulwa khona. Wakhandza kunemfana lobekaneminyaka lelishumi namunye. Wambuta kutsi uyemukela yini; watsi lomfana, "Chabo." Watsi Bosco, "Uyayifundza yini iKhathekizima?" Watsi umfana, "Nangiphumelele." Waphindze watsi, "Ngifuna ungihhule." Wakhuta wababata lolohhulako watsi "Akwati usafundza, ngeke afundzele kumPriste. Watsi Bosco, "Ngifuna yena-ke afundzele lakimi kangafundza ngani nange-nti?" Watsi Bosco, nakasahamba, "Uyakwati lomfana kuhhula." Wamcela kutsi ete esontfweni. Waya nekuvumeni. Dvukudvuku wafa unina wemfana wasala ayintsandzane, wamtsatsa Bosco wamgcina waze wakhula.

Dvute neValdocco, letotindzawana tatinelifu lelimnyama ngeteLukholo, banganaki-nje, tinhlitiyo tabo tilukhuni satje noma sekushunyayelwa kangakanani. Labebakwatisa, kuya emidangalazweni banatse badzakwe bese kuyaliwa-ke lapho. Yenake abetfole indzawo yekushumayela nakunjalo, ikakhulukati ngetinsuku temikhosi. Abebamema kutsi baye

ekuvumeni nabaye etinkonzweni, baye neSidlweni. Abebatjela kutsi noma bafika nini, ngisho ebusuku utakube abalindzele nabafuna kuvuma. Watsi batakube sebayakutijabulisa nge-muva kwaloko, bayokunatsa iwayini. Letoni tatitsanjiswa ngulomusa nesineke, nekutsi uyati kutsi umuntfu kadzelwa ngekwona kwakhe; kuyaye kubekhona umucu lokhombisa buntfu kuye.

Nakahamba luhambo Bosco; abetsandza kutsi ahlale dvute nemchubi-wemahhashi bacoce. Bebacoca ngaloku nalokwa kuye kugcine asambute kutsi usaya yini ekuvumeni, noma esiDlweni seNkhosi? Lomunye bese uyavuma khona lapho-nje. Watsi ngalelinye lilanga aya eCasteglione, wabuta kumchubi wemahhashi kutsi "Kambe utentile yini tibopho takhe tePhasika?" Watsi, "Awu, kadze ngagcina! Kungab-ncono ngiphindze ngitfole loyaMfundisi lengase ngavuma kuye." Wabuta Bosco kutsi kwakungubani. Watsi, "Ngu-Bosco, kumbe-nje wake weva ngaye." Wahleka Bosco wasutsi, "Ingani nguye lolokhuluma naye." Wamangala lomuntfu. Wasutsi, "Kepha ngingente-njani, khona lapha ngingavuma yini?" Wavuma Bosco, wabesutsatsa ematomu wachuba emahhashi; umchubi wawo watilungiselela wavuma kahle impela.

Kutsite ngalelinye lilanga aphuma eMiseni ngakuleny indzawo yelidolobha wabona emadvodza lamane asondzela ngakuye akhombisa kwedzelela. Watsi ufuna kwengca amvi-mba ngalokwesabekako; kwakungakhali ngisho libhungane, kwakusehlane lelibi. Batsi labantfu, "Tikhulule, yehlukanisa!" Kodvwa bangachazi kutsi yini lalabakushoko. "Bahlobo bami,kakusiyo indzawo yekuzukulutisana lena, asambeni edolobheni sicoce sihleti phasi sinatsa likhofi," kusho Bosco. Batsi, "Ngubani lotakubhadala lelokhofi?" "Ngimi phela angitsi kusho mine?" sekusho Bosco. Bobahlanu bahamba sekucocwa kamnandzi. Bangakafiki watsi Bosco, "Nalisontfo asiyokuthantaza Yethi Maria munye bese sendlula-ke siyekhofini." Watsi lomunye, "Seyindlela yekubaleka leyo!" Lomunye naye watsi: "Ngiyamati lona utsi angacala kuthantaza bese wehla umdvweka ngeliRosali." Watsi Bosco, "Cha, ngitsi mine Yethi Maria abemunye-nje kuphela." Baya esontfweni batihudvula. Nempela bathantaza, kwacala yena bangenela nabo. Baphuma cedze babanga khona phela ekhofini labo. Bafike bahlala phasi etafuleni, leta likhofi

ngekulibita kwabo. Watsi Bosco, "Aseniyekutfola lokudliwako endlini yami;" asho asukuma abhadala lelokhofi. Bahamba-ke. Kutsite sebadlile watsi Bosco, "Sesiyatana nyalo-nje; nagicina nini kuvuma nekwemukela; nangingafa kulobu-suku-nje kungabanjani?" Babukana emehlweni; lomunye kubo watsi, "Awu, kube bonkhe bapriste banjengawe ngabe sonkhe siyekuvumeni." Atsi Bosco, "Yini ningavumi nyalo?" Batsi, "Asikatilungiseli." Watsi njalo: "Loko kwami." Bange-na ngamunye, bavuma, kepha lowekugcina wavuma ngekwe-tsembeka lokukhulu impela; bahamba bajabulile bamdvu-misa Bosco.

Kutsite nakuhwalala ngalelinye lilanga, wavinjetelwa sigebengu lesatsi sifuna imali yonkhe lanayo, kaletse sipatji sakhe. Bosco watsi, "Mngani, lomcondvo kawusiwo webuntfu lolonje;" asho ahlehla kancane, kancane; naye akhulumela phasi. Wate wendlula ludvonga loluncane. Watikhandza lomuntfu asaguze phasi avuma kuBosco. Kutsite umKhenoni watibona letitfunti titebantfu lababili, wavele wati kutsi Bosco sewenta umsebenti wakhe-ke.

Kwenteka kutsi umfana longu-Albert lowabekahlala khona kuleSigodlo semiKhuleko, wafikelwa ngusathane. Abelungile lomfana ekucaleni; kepha bangani nabo bamgucguta kutsi ente lokubi. Emehlo abesalukhuni angahlangani nawa-Bosco, vele amecwaya, natakuhlangana naye agege. Batsana — ngcwa! ngalelinye lilanga naBosco. Kwakungekho kutsini. Watsi Bosco, "Kufanele uyovuma; yini ungiwaye kangaka?" Wathula wakhophota. Wachubeka Bosco watsi, "Awuyi; liciniso kutsi uyakungidzinga kepha ungetukungitfola ndzawo." Kwatsi ntsambama emva kwemikhuleko yakusihlwa watsi, "Ngitsi lomunye wenu utakufa ingakapheli lenyanga. Utakungidzinga kepha mine ngiyakutsi "Tibhekisele kuMaria, neNgelosini yakho." Kutakuba sikhatsi sekudvumisa Maria loCwebile bese kuba nguKhisimusi, leti tinsuku tekutsi umuntfu lowo nalowo ahlale ahlobile enhlitiyweni yakhe. Tigezeni kusengunyalo."

Albert akatikhubanga nakancane, nebangani bakhe nabo batsi angacali ayovuma. Kuletotinsuku Bosco wacelwa yi-Nkhosatana kutsi asayokuvuselela lapho aphetse ngakhona. Wamcela kutsi abengekho emalanga lamane leSigodlweni

semithantazo. Nempela wavuma watsatsa labanye kutsi ahambe nabo. Kucala wabuta kutsi akekho yini lotamdzinga logulako, lapho bebalaliswa khona labagulako. Kwakute nembala bahamba. Ngaleyontsambama Albert wakhulunyelwa ngulomunye umngani wakhe lowabesangenele buFundisi watsi, "Uyaphila yini noma sewufile?" Watsi yena, "Ushongani kutsi ngifile?" bahleka bangani ba-Albert. Ntsambama nasekudliwa, kwakunemakhekhe lamnandzi wawadla ngekuwaphanga nangebugovu Albert; amgulisa kangangoba waze dokotela wamecibisa ngekutsi akatfole umGcobo walabagulako ngobe kute litsemba lekutsi utakuphila. Ati kahle mhlophe kutsi Bosco inyanga lenkhulu ayikho kute langase amsite. Wafisa kuvuma kuye angasetukumtfolo ndzawo manje. Wasale wacela Don Rua lowabesele kutsi avume kuye. Watsi atjele Bosco kutsi uyati akafanele amukele lucolo loluvela kuye Albert kepha abati kutsi utamcolela; wentiwa bangani. Wabita lomunye-nje webafana lobekangumngani wakhe longuFelix watsi, nguye lobekamdvukisa, kutsi ente lokuphambene, kepha uyamcolela.

Nalomunye losakhulile umfana wantjela Bosco kutsi kuswelikile ayovuma, avume noma kumuphi umpriste, wantjela nekutsi kuphi kusukela kumuphi umnyaka amtjele konkhe lakwenta. Wagweja umfana ngekumangala, futsi etfukile. Watsi, "Ngiyavuma kuwe-nyalo!" Utsite endlula lomunye futsi yena-ke wamhlebeli kutsi kayekuvuma, kuswelikile masinyane. Wats' umfana; "Ingani ngivume itolo loku kuMfundisi Piero!" Wavele Bosco wantjela kutsi "Akavumi kahle, usishito yini lesono lesitsite?" Umfana wambukisisa sekaphendvuke silima wakhala.

Umfana lomunye wacale wayakuvuma kandzuba angene esiGodlweni semiKhuleko sakaBosco, Abehlala abungelwe bafana Bosco. Kutsite ngalelinye lilanga bacoca ngekutsi ufundza imicabango yabo Bosco ati futsi kutsi bacabanga kwentani; babala tigigaba latentako. Lomfana lomusha waya kulalabanyenti wafike walalela. Watsi, lomfana nangase atjele yena impela angavuma kutsi atise ngetimfihlo takhe tonkhe emaphepheni etindzaba. Watsi kasondzele; wamhlebeli konkhe labekuvumile — eConsolata, wababomvu umfana. Watsi, "Nguwe lelengivume kuwe!" Bamhleka bafana batsi, "Akaze aphume ngisho kuyaphi Bosco lonkhe lelolanga."

Kwenteka kutsi umngani wa Bosco lobekavakashile ayekuphumula eNice, wacoca ngalokwentiwa nguBosco; kulabebalalele, bahleka bakhombisa kungakukholwa lalukushoko. Kwakuentfombatane leyayilalele nayo; yatsi kuhle asamlinge lowo-muntfu lekukhulunywa ngaye, amtjele imfihlo yakhe loloNgcwele kangaka angamsetsema kuze kube nini. Watsi kulungile akakwente; nembala wayitfolo imphendvulo ngekushesha watsi Bosco, "Kabuyele endvodzeni yakhe, bese uyakuvuma kusukela emnyakeni wanini ngoba sengiminyaka lengemashumi lamabili angasavumi umphefumulo ukhulu-leke."

Kwakungesikufundza tinhlitiyo kuphela. Abenjengabo labanye labaCwebile labebakwati kuva liphunga lekhwona etinhlitiyweni tetiphendvuki; lebetesaba kuvumisisa ngekubate tibindzi tekuvuma kahle bese tiyamcela atitjele tono tato, besetiya-muvumela-ke tona. Naye kumbe atsi atimtjele, noma tiyesaba; bese-ke uyatitjela uma tesaba. Nababanyenti ka-khulu ekuvumeni abevele akutsintse-nje atsi, "Wena hamba udle Sidlo nawe, nawe, labanye baye eSihlalweni sekuvuma." Abengena eSihlalweni emahora lalishumi noma lasiphohlongo aloku avumisa aze adle ebusuku ngelihora lelishumi noma lelishumi nanye asadzinwe afile; nekudla sekomele etitjeni, kulesinye sikhatsi ayekulala angakadli ngoba sekukhiyiwe; ngoba labagecebako ekudleni seabamkhohliwe. Abengavungami kuloko, abejabula atsi sewutakuvuka akukhamuka kudla.

Kulobunye busuku abedzinwe ngangoba nakahambako abesatihudvula, abevumise emahora lalishumi. Kwachamuka umfanyana watsi ufuna kuyakuvuma. Abenebapriste lababili, babukana labafundisi batsi kumfana akabayekele bata-kubuyela nangakusasa. Don Bosco wambita watsi akete endlini yakhe avumele khona.

Ngubani labati kutsi nabebangamyekela lomfana beka-ngaphindze abuye yini? Kutsite ngalelinye lilanga kwakutakuba lusuku lwaStefani loCwebile, ebusuku kwefika bafana labasitfupha bacela kube bavume. Watsi kabaye endlini yakhe; kwavuma babili, kulowesitsatfu walala ecebeni lakhe. Labekucala banyenya kancane bahamba. Lalacamele kuye akamvusanga, wangenti ngisho kutsi nyaka! Lalabatsatfu bahlala phasi bathula batsi dvi . . . ! Emva kwesikhashana waphaphama wetfuka watsi, "Hhawu! Anisangivusi ngani,

solo ningimele!” Batsi bafana, “Bengabe senta sono ngoba ulele kamnandzi; udziniwe futsi.” Labecamele kuye watsi yena, abengeke alitfole lelotfuba lokweyanywa yinhloko ya-Bosco ecebeni lakhe.

Ticumcantja latibona eRoma, latitsembisa kutsi natifika eTurin tite lekuye titombona, tema taze tacela kumbona, tatimkhandze avumisa. Akabancamlisanga bafana, watitjela letivakashi kutsi time kancane, baze, baphela, wakhululeka-ke. Utsite nefika kubo wacolisa ngelokutsi: “Nani niyati kutsi tinyoni nawutibambe ngetinsiba, tase taphunyuka-nje ngeke uphindze utitfole.”

Kubeketela kwakhe ngeke ukulinganise, ngoba noma umfana abuya kangaki kutovuma abememukela ngemusa. Watsi umKhadinali Cagliero, “Bosco unesipho longeke usichaze lesenta kutsi utsembe, futsi umesabe Nkulunkulu. Akumangalisi kubona umuntfu afikelwa kudzamba, uyati kutsi umuntfu usheshe awele ekoneni futsi wati kahle kutsi Sathane unemandla kumuntfu lophendvukile ngeke sibasole labawele ekoneni, bacele betsembe unina weNkhosi yetfu noma bacakwe yinhlupheko yiphi!”

Nakutakusa livulwa lelisontfo lelisha lelabitwa ngekutsi ngumSiti wemaKhristu kweta sishosha ngelikalishi. Kwakulukhuni kufika kuye ngendzaba yebunyenti bebantfu. Bonkhe bagijimela tibusiso takhe. Watsi kusitsi — nhla lesishosha satsi, “Sengiphilile,” sicondza ngakuye sesitihambela netihlobo baya esontfweni kuyakubonga ngekusindza kwakhe. Lesinye sikhatsi kwaba nentfombatana leyimphumphutse ita nemakhosikati lamabili. Baya esontfweni kucala base bacela kubonana naBosco. Wafike wambuta kutsi sikhatsi lesingakanani angaboni. Watsi, “Senginesikhatsi, kepha sengumnyaka kungasenti ngisho kutsi tsiki, nabodokotela batsi kute lokungangisita.” Bosco wamyisa efasiteleni wasutsi, “Uyakubona yini kukhanya?” Yatsi intfombatana, “Angiboni lutfu.” “Uyafuna yini kutsi ubone?” kubuta Bosco. “Ngiyatihluphekela mine, ngiyatondla; ungangibuta kanjani loko?” Atsi Bosco futsi, “Uma ungabona, ungamentelani Nkulunkulu wakho?” “Awu ngingamsebentela.” “Tsemba-ke eNtfombini leyiNgcwele, itakusita.” Kusho umCwetjiswa futsi. Itsi intfombatana; “Ngiyati angakwenta loko, kepha kangiboni-nje.”

Bosco wabamba imetali yeNkhosikati yeliZulu embi-kwemehlo ayo, watsi "Yini le?" Yatsi, "Hha, sengiyabona, yimetali!" "Yabani?" "YeNkhosikati Maria!" "Ngalapha ngubani?" "NgumKhulu-nje, hha! nguJosefa loCwebile!" Wasusho lamagama Bosco; "Nina waNkulunkulu, mawudvunyiswe sewuyabona umuntfwanakho." labomake nabo bamdvumisa njengaye Bosco; bamangala kutsi sewuyabona.

Yawa lemetali yashona emnyameni ekhoneni. Lomunye kulabomake wayigijimela kepha Bosco, watsi kayiyekela. Watsi kulentfombatana hamba uyitsatse; nempela wayibona khona emnyameni wayitsatse. Kujabula kwamangalisa; lentfombatana yagcina iliSisteli lenhlangano yemaSalesian, nge-luhlangotsini lwemantfombatana.

Dokotela labekatiwa kakhulu eTurin, watsi ufuna kubonana naBosco. Watsi Dokotela "Ngiva kutsiwa welapha tifo letingasalapheki, liciniso yini?" Watsi Bosco, "Mine, cha!" "Kepha bangitjelile kutsi uyakwenta, bate bangibekisela ngalokwentako." "Wo, nabeta kutotithantazela kutodvumisa umSiti wemaKhristu bese batfola loko kuphila; nguye-ke Maria, hhayi mine." "Akungelaphe phela nami, khona ngitokwetsemba lemilingo yakho." Atsi Bosco "Unani Dokotela?" Abenesitfululwane, sacala kancane-nje sate sacinisa ngemandla ngoba abengasahambi yedvwa, naye-ke abetocela lusito.

Atsi Bosco, "Yenta njengaloku ngenta nami; guca sithantaze, bese uya ekuvumeni ugeze umphefumulo wakho; bese uyemukela. Utakusita-ke Maria." "Hhawu, ngingeke ngikwente mine loku; shono lokunye!" "Ngani?" "Ngabe ngiyamphukuta, kangitange ngikholwe mine, ngisho kanye! Noma kukuye Maria ngisho yona lemilingo loyentako!" Wenyela Bosco nakasho njalo loDokotela kepha wakhuluma naye waze watsamba waguca wenta sibonakaliso seSiphambano lasigcina kusenta emashumini eminyaka. Waya nekuvumeni, neSidlweni futsi. Waphila saka! Wasuta njalo esontfweni emuva kwekwelapheka kwakhe.

Lowabephetse teMphi abesengotini lengehla noma nini, futsi afe ngekugula; watfumela kuBosco kuze atomnika umgcobo walabagulako. Weta Bosco wala kumnika. Wamvumisa kuphela-nje. Wasutsi ufuna kutsi ayetemukelela yena

esontfweni lakudvunyiswa khona umSiti wemaKhristu ngakusasa, ngoba kwakulusuku lwekukhumbula Yena; acele nekuphila futsi Kuye. Ngakusasa kwasa kumatima kabi, futsi kute labebatakwenta ngekutsi bebetsembise Bosco kutsi ngeke bamnike liSakramente lalabagulako angekho yena. Vele umndeni waphindze wafumela kuye Bosco kutsi akasetumkhandza sekute. Ngensimbi yemfica sigijimi sefika ku-Bosco. Wafike wantjela watsi, “NaDokotela utsite ngeke kusasa vele asale anikwa liSakramente lalabagulako. Leyontsambama yayendvulela umkhosi wekudvumisa umSiti wemaKhristu; kwakuphitsitela bantfu labanyenti batilungiselela, bavuma. Bafana bebaphambana, behla benyuka eSihlalweni sekuvuma. Watsi Bosco kulesigijimi “Uyabona nawe, ngingeke ngibashiye labantfu ngoba bayatilungiselela, ngitakuta nasebaphelile. Inkalishi yayiloku imile emnyango imlindzele. Batsi baphela-nje labobantfu labebavuma satsi sigijimi, “Asisheshise.” Kwakuyinsimbi yelishumi nanye ebusuku aloku angakadli. “Hhawu, nine ninelukholo loluncane kabi; nginitjelile kutsi lomuntfu utakuta kusasa lolokusako atotimukelela yena esontfweni.” Watsi sebafikile, wakhala ngendlala kutsi akakadli. Batsi akete ayekudla nabo, bahamba-ke.

Emva kwekudla kwabo watsi kasale bambuyisela ekhaya angakasiboni sigulane. kulobobusuku sasilele sigulane shangatsi kudala sabandza, sesifile kantsi sasilele butfongo lobumnandzi bekuphumula ekusheni kwebuhlungu. Ngakusasa savuka satsi sifuna tingubo taso sifuna kuya esontfweni kuyotemukelela sona ngekwaso. Bamangala bonkhe endlini. Sahamba sigulane sisaphephuka kutsi phela kwakusaceka ematsambo. Satsi kuBosco; “Sengikhona mine!” Watsi Bosco, “Mali-dvunyiswe liVirigo leliCwebile! Angikakutjeli-ke kutsi utakutitela esontfweni wena lucobo lamuhla?”

Lomunye umfati waletsa umfanyana lowabehamba ngingingodvo, aneminyaka lesiphohlango. Bosco wacela kuMaria kube amsite lomfanyana; wambusisa wamnika nemetali Umfanyana walahla phasi tingodvo wazubazuba nendlu, ngekujabula naye asayakudlala nalabanye. Kwakusive sema-Masayilisi lapho lukholo lwalusengakandzi kakhulu lusangena kepha luhamba kancane Lemvunge leyenteka kulowomfanyana yandza impela. Babebuta kutsi Bosco uthantaze watsini? Atsi Bosco, “Shonini kanye nami, Nina lobusisekile, sihawukele.”

Umfana lomunye abengeva, angakhulumi, angahambi. Batali bakhe bamusa kuBosco, ngemvume yaPhapha Pius wemfica; ngoba sebajike kuye ngekutsi utabentela umlingo wakhe abasindzisele lomntfwanabo. Kepha Phapha watsi kabamyise kuBosco eTurin utakwati latakwenta kuze aphile lomfanyana. Nembala baya naye khona eValdocco. Nakabona lomfanyana losemncane kangaka, Bosco weva buhlungu wamtsatsa wambamba, wamhambisa. Abesathantazile kucala phela. Babona umlentanyana uya embili newesibili nawo walandzela. Wadzayitela ahamba eceleni kwaBosco; wase Bosco ubuya ngemuva kwakhe; washaya tandla, weva umfana wagucuka wambuka. Bamemeta batali batsi, "Hhawu, Nkosi yami, uyeva!" Watsi umCwetjiswa, "Tsani babe, make." Washo umfana; kwakukucala kutsi batali bakhe beve akhuluma nabo. Tinyembeti tehla titekujabula, base baya naye esontfweni lemSiti wemaKhristu, kuyokwetfula imibongo yabo.

LesosiGodlo sekuThantaza kwefika umfana lobengu-Francis Dalmazzo, lobekubo kungatange kudliwe liphalishi, kwakumiwe vele, angafani nalalabanye. Wakhandza bulukhuni lapho ngoba kwakusuke kube yintfo yinye onkhe malanga. Emva kwetinyangana; wabhalela unina kutsi amlandze ngoba angeke akukhone loku. Wefika-ke unina asamlanzile; abefise lomfana kutsi ahambe avumile kanye-nje kuBosco. Wangena eluhleni lwalabebaya ekuvumeni.

Kutsite khona lapho, umfana labesita kuphakela endlini yekudlela, watjela Bosco kutsi kute sinkhwa sekunika bafana nyalo ekuseni. Watsi Bosco, "Ngeke kwenteke loko; hamba uye kumpriste lotsite, abone latakwenta." Imizuzwana umfana watsi, "Sesifune yonkhe indzawo kute, asitfoli lutfo. Kukhona emabhanisanyana-nje langasho lutfo, angeke anele muntfu." Watsi Bosco, "Yanini kumbhaki aninike." Atsi umfana, "Hha, ngeke asasinika ngoba siyakweleda kakhulu, futsi akabhadalwa." "Hamba-ke ufake wona lawo mabhanisi ebhasikidini, ngiyeta mine batakunikwa ngimi matfupha labafana." Nembala wahamba umfana wenta njengekusho kwaBosco. Wanele wacedza kuvumisa, wacondza khona endlini yekudlela. Lomfana labetsite uyahamba wayiva lenkhulumo wafisa kubona latakwenta Bosco. Wamlanzela nakaya endlini yekudlela. Wafike Bosco watsatsa libhasikidi, bema bafana luhla; nguloyo naloyo watfola sakhe sinkhwa.

Wawahlahla emehlo umfana ate ajaka kuphuma etimpho-ndvweni. Watsi nasacedzile Bosco kubanika, lomfana wabanga ebhasikidini wawabala lamabhanisi lasele watfofa kutsi seloku kusele wona lalishumi nesihlanu. Wasutsi kunina akasahambi yena, futsi kaseyukuhamba. Nempela-ke waligcina lelolivi lakhe ngoba wagcina asanguMfundisi wemaSalesian.

Lokunye lokwenteka kuDon Bosco kutsi ngelusuku lwekutsalwa kweNkhosikati Maria; emakhulu lasihlanu ebafana eta kutakwemukela. Logcina indlu yekugcokela kwafanela alungise titja letimbili temaHostiya kuze tiphendvukiswe. Wase utikhohlwa etikwelitafula khona endlini yekugcokela. Wamangala kutsi sewutakwentenjani emva kwekuphendvukiswa ngoba abona kutsi ngeke benele labantfu. Wabanga kutsi asheshe ayositsatsa angakasiboni Bosco ngoba ngeke akujabulele loko, futsi ngeke asametsembe. Kwemukulwa, saphela sekucala. Wabheka etulu lomuntfu losebenta endlini yekugcokela, wathantaza ngoba abona vele kusele incumbi yebantfu. Wabona Bosco asivula lelesinye. Wathantaza ngekubonga lomuntfu wendlini yekugcokela watsi: "Mawubongwe Nkulunkulu!" Bemukela bonkhe.

Umtfombo wekuphila nenjabulo nguSanti Don Bosco. Bebajabula bafe bafana nasacedze kudla ngoba sebati kutsi sebayahamba lalabanye bapriste sebatakusala naye umngani wabo. Kwakutsi bunge; ngembali labanye shangatsi kabasetukumbona. Labanye ngemuva beyame situlu; labanye baguce, labanye beme, labanye phasi kwelitafula labanye bahlale nematafuleni. Bese-ke yena ubatekela indzaba. Atsi angacedza bese kuyathandazwa imikhuleko yakusihlwa; "Yebo endzaweni yekuphila, leletsa kuthula etinhlitiyweni letilukhuni noma tinjengelitje kepha tifike titfobeke," kwakusho lomunye umuntfu lobenebhizinisi.

Don Bosco bekati kutsi sihlala emhlabeni lophocwe sono. Noko anelitsembe lekutsi imisebenti lemihle lesiyentako ivama kuphumelela yonkhe, noma leminyane ivama kusala kancane.

Krispi lomunye wenhlangano letsite lebeyitondza bapriste, futsi advumile kutembangave waseTaliyane, wake wacela Don Bosco kutsi ahambele lijele laseTurin. Don Bosco wavuma, noko wabeka imigomo lebekatawusebentela

kuyo. Kwatsi sekulunge konkhe, sekusele kutsi tincwadzi tisayinwe yindvuna yemaJele, watsi gucu gucu wasutsi akusale kuyekelwa ngoba esaba kutsi Don Bosco utawuphendvula tonkhe tiboshwa atente bapriste intfo labengayifuni yenteke.

Don Bosco bekanesipho sekutsintsa ngisho tinhlitiyo letilukhuni tetoni. Bapriste bakhe beketama ngaso sonkhe sikhatsi kutsi bavumise kahle bantfu bangabacoshi ngeku-khombisa lulaka. Watjengisa ngalokuselubala kutsi ungume-Hluleli wemvelo yebuntfu.

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Imphilo-ya-Bosco kwakukuthantaza; acelela imiphefumulo konkhe lokunye bekakwenta besekungetelela kulesicelo sakhe. Abecelela kwakha tindlu tekugcina labobafana; emasontfo; acele bapriste bekumsita emsebentini lawentako; konkhe wakutfo njenjekucela kwakhe. Nasadlangelwe ngumsebenti abeyaye acele lusito eBandleni, kubobabe nabomake. Babetinikela; bobabe bafundzise kusihlwa, baye nemafemini kuyociza labobafana; babavakashele nemakhayabatame kutsi wonkhe atfole umsebenti wekutondla. Labanye babukane netemidlalo, lokwakujabulisa bafana phela! Empeleli kwakungakafaneli kutsi Bosco aze ayobacela ngoba kwakusita bona kuze kutsi bafana babo bangafundzi bugcwelegcwele. Abetsi Bosco kubatali, senifana nebantfwana labatetemako, ngoba lomsebenti ngewenu; khetsani lenitsandza kukwenta, sebentisani emathalenta enu ningawagodli. BoMake-ke bona bebatfunga lokudzabukile, babachibelele babahlantele tingubo letingcolile, babaphekele; bahlante labo labasebancane, babakame kuze bafundze kutiphatsa kahle; bebaze bayekusebenta seloku banakiwe, nempela-ke bebawutfole umsebenti labo lasebafanele kusebenta.

Nanoma abete imali; wakha tindlu, emasontfo, tindlu tekubatela; wondla; wafundzisa emakhulukhulu ebantfwana; kwate kwafundza nebapriste imbala. Imali yayita ngendlela

leyayingacondzakali, ngoba wawumtfuka asabhadala tikweledi takhe-nje! Abenganaki, angenalualo, angephuki emoyeni ngisho tintfo setimmele kabi. Asuke atsi: "Loko kulingwa kwemuntfu lokholwako, nalowetsemba Nkulunkulu." Phapha Pius wemfica, ngekubona timphawu temisebenti yakhe watsandza kutsi amnike sikhundla lesikhulu kabi eBandleni. Akasitsandzanga.

"Babe Phapha kungeke kulunge kutsi ngishiye bafana bami labamanikinikana ngitsatse sikhundla lesikhulu kangaka bangeke basabe basangibona; futsi batabe sebayangicwaya. Awubheke-nje bonkhe labantfu lababengisita batakucabanga kutsi bengifuna kutinjingisa futsi ngeke ngisakwati kuhamba ngicelela bafana bami. Ngiyakuncenga ngiyekele nginguDon Bosco lotindzindzelako." Phapha wasemukela sicelo saDon Bosco ngoba abemtsandza ngelukholo lwakhe lolwalumnene, lungesabi lutfo, lutfobile. Utsite nakasabuyela ekhaya, Phapha wamnika imali sibili hhayi kudlala watsi uyakufike entele bafana lidzili, kuze bajabule nabo.

AbeseRoma emhlanganweni lowawuzina ngekubekwa kwemLandzeli waPhapha Pius wemfica. Kutsite ahamba emhubheni wahlangana nemKhadinali Pecci. Wambukisisa sikhashana waguca phasi wacela kwanga sandla sakhe, uMhlekazi. Wambuta kutsi ungubani, kepha Don Bosco watsi: "Ngingimi sihlupheki sesisebenti sakho seMfundisi lesitsandza kwanga sandla sakho kungakasondzeli emalanga lapho ngiyakwanga tinyawo takho khona." Watsi uMhlekazi, "Hhayi ungangithantazeleli intfo lenjengaleyo-bo!" Watsi Bosco: "Ngifanele nakuyintsandvo yaNkulunkulu leyo, ngeke ungivimbele kuloko." Ungabeloku usho loku phela; mine ngingakuncuma!" "Mhlekazi, ungakwenta loko, nami ngingatfobela intsandvo yakho; kepha ukhumbule imiphefumulo lengedvuka ngemuva kwaloko." "Kepha wena ungubani?" "NginguDon Bosco." "Asithule, sikhatsi sekusebenta lesi, hhayi sekutekula." Behlukana-ke. Emuva kweliviki wagcotjwa waba nguPhapha Leo welishumi nantsatfu.

Phapha Pius wemfica abengumuntfu lonemusa atsandza lokuhle kwenteke; nalona lomusha, Bosco wamkhandza kutsi uzitsile unesitfunti, naye unewakhe emasu ekuncoba. Bosco abenelitsemba lelikhulu kuloPhapha njengakulolomdzala.

Lusito lolunye lwaluchamuka ngendlela lecakile, tintfo setilukhuni kubantfu labasebentisile labanye latsenge kubo. Umakhi wefika afuna liholo lakhe, ngekushesha lokumangalisako. UmGcinisikhwama abete ngisho isenti yekumbhadala. Umakhi wavele watsi kafuni kukhuluma nalowo Mfundisi, ufuna Bosco lucobo. Watfundleketela waze wefika ngendlini yakhe. Akamelanga muntfu loku bantfu babesabeka beme luhla lokungena kuBosco. Watsi yena akanasikhatsi sekuchitfwa, washo angena, Kwakunesihambi labenaso Bosco. Wagudlula sivalo, wabuta Bosco kutsi angamsita ngani; watsi ufuna kukhuluma naye. Watsi Bosco akangene ahlale phasi. Watsi ute sikhatsi sekuhlala phasi. Watsi Bosco, akatsatse liphasela lelalisetafuleni lilincanyana. Walitsi hlutfu, watsi ngiyabonga Mfundisi, ungithantazele.

Kwasekulandzela iNkhosatana leyambuta kutsi akamli-mati yini lomuntfu loshikitelele kungena? Watsi Bosco cha, kute lamente kona. LeNkhosatana yamnika imali leyenta kutsi abhadale uMtsengisi timphahla labesatfukutsele afile ngekutsi kakhokhelwa imali yetimphahla takhe. Weta abilelana kepha wangena cedze watisola, watsi: "Bangitjele kutsi ngeke ungibhadale, noko bekungakafaneli kutsi ngibakholwe."

Kwakukhona sikweleti semnini-Matekisi, banikati sebatfumele emtsetfweni kutsi bamatise kutsi abhadale ngekushesha. Watsi Don Rua, "Kute ngisho isenti." Watsi umCwetjiswa, "Asicele eNkhosikatini yeliZulu;" basebachubeka nemisebenti yabo. Kutsite kusenjalo, beva kunconcootsa umuntfu emnyango. Kwakungumnumzane lotsite afuna Don Bosco. Watsi, "Mfundisi, angisiyo injinga kepha nayi imadlana kumbe itakukusita, yisebentise etidzingweni takho longahlangabetana nato." Yayilingene vele lesosikweledi semnikati-wematekisi.

Don Rua abeminyetelwe ngulesinye sikweleti semBhaki wetinkhwa, lowabengasafuni kubanika tinkhwa ngesikweleti ngoba kungasabhadalwa. Kusho indlala kubafana labebadla kangaka! Kwefika iNkhosana lebeyigulelwa yinkhosikati yayo matima kungasabonakali. Yayitocela umthantazo kuze kusindze lenkhosikati yayo ku-Bosco. Yenake wabanika incenye yalesosikweledi semBhaki. Emuva kwemalangana-nje, yabuya futsi leNkhosana seyitotibongela kutsi sewusindzile ekufeni umkayo; yabanika lenye futsi leyenta kutsi lesikweledi sibhadaleke siphele nya!

Ngesikhatsi atakucala kwakha lesiSontfo lekukhontela uMsiti wemaKhristu, Don Bosco nebangani bakhe bahamba baya eNice kuyekubuka emapulani ekwakha tindlu. Wafike wayibona lenhle lefanele. Nalobuhle bayo-ke babusho timali hhayi kudlala. Watsi uyayitsandza lelasayibonile, kepha iyakufuna tinkhulungwane temashumi lamatsatfu teMalangeni. Lomunye kulabo watsi ngeke ayitfole imali lengako lapho eNice, ngoba babecelile labanye kakhulu bafuna lusito. Watsi Bosco, uyeswele kabi lemali masinyane-nje. Emuva kwekudla kwemini; kwefika ummeli watsi kuBosco; "Leben-gimmele unginike tinkhulungwane temashumi lamatsatfu; nakafuna kuyisebentisa lemali Bosco abofika ehhovisi lakhe." Bosco watsi; "Akabongwe uNina waNkulunkulu umSiti wemaKhristu!" asho ajulile ngalomthantazo.

Kwakwenteka futsifutsi kutsi Don Rua lowabengum-Gcinisikhwama, abete ngisho lisenti esikhwameni sakhe labe-siphetse. Abengati kutsi ngisho sikweletana lesincane angahle asibhadale ngani ngebuncane baso, ngoba sasigucuka sibe yinsambansamba yemali longati kutsi utakutsatsani abhice nani. Don Bosco abelungisela kuhamba ngalelolanga, bantfu bafuna imali yabo lengangemashumi lamatsatfu eMalangeni; batsi bayayifuna ngaphandle kwaloko ejele. Watsi Rua akasubashiya kulolubishi. Watsi Bosco akatame imitamolangahle ayente. Wehla enyuka Rua kutotonkhe tingosi latatiko kutsi bayaye basitwe nasekuhlushekiwe. Babuya nendvuku yembangandlala, kwangayi njengekufisa kwabo. Don Rua wayakuncenga indvuna; kutsite kusenjalo kwefika umngani waBosco watsi ufuna kumbona; watsi Don Bosco, "Sengijake sitimela." Watsi lomuntfu, "Yimali." Watsi Bosco, "Yinikete Don Rua ute sambe sitakukhuluma sihamba." Lomuntfu abengulomunye walabebasita noma ngekutsengisa, noma ngayiphi indlela kuze kutfolakale imali yekusita li-Bandla. Abeletsa njalo ngeliviki umnikelo lotsite. Bahamba-ke naBosco; watsi; "Phela lena nguleyamali yekubheja lowatsi angiyente; ngavilapha kuyiletsa kucala kepha nyalo kutsite kangiyiletse-nje. Watsi lomuntfu; "Bekudzingeke malini?" Watsi Bosco: "Ayisiyo nemali lenkhulu kakhulu-nje, nge-Malangeni langemashumi lamatsatfu kuphela." Wachuba Bosco watsi, "Sewucishe wangishiyisa ngesitimela ngendzaba yalemali-nje." Watsi kabuyele kuDon Rua anike yena ngoba ngeke basaboshwa.

Nakanemadlana lencane afune tintfo temali lenkhulu, bekungamhluphi loko. Wachubeka ngekuthula nekuncoba lokunekwetsemba kuze kube sekugcineni. Ebuphuyeni kodvwa abenetintfo tonkhe labetifisa tenteke. Abengatinaki yena. Abesebenta matima emini, nebusuku angalali. Nabatsi bafana bakhe kaphumule atsi yena uyakuphumula eZulwini, hhayi lapha kulomhlaba; futsi aphumule nase Sathane ayekele kudvukisa bantfu bakaNkulunkulu.

Nababemcela kutsi abatalisele timali tabo, abentela ngesihle-nje. Lenye intfombatana yatsi ifuna ayisayinele ngeke ahambe angakayisayineli ngalokwenelisako. Watsatsa liphe-shana wabhala kutsi: "Iphuma kuNkhosatana , tinkhulungwane letimbili teMalangeni," John Bosco.

Lomunye lowabesita, kwakunguJoseph Bosco umnakabo lomkhulu. Abetsi John navakashele umnakabo Joseph, ahambe nelicembu lelinyentana. Kepha Joseph abetama kubajabulisa bonkhe baze babuyele emuva bajabulile. Natsi John ufuna kubhadala atsi Joseph akukafaneli akwente loko, nguye lafanele amsite kulakudzingako. Kutsite ngalelinye lilanga John wefika kuJoseph wamkhandza atsi uyakutsenga ematfole lamabili etinkhomo; kepha nakefika John Bosco atsi undzindze imali lengaka, wamnika. Wabatse Don Bosco kepha sewutakwentenjani ngaletinkhomo sewutatitsenga nini? Ngani futsi? Watsi Joseph akunandzaba sewuyakubona ngemuso. Natsi John uyayibuyisa, ayale Joseph, atsi kayisebentisele tidzingo takhe letinye.

Ngalelinye lilanga Joseph waya kuDon Bosco kutsi ameluleke ngoba kukhona intfo lemhluphako emoyeni wakhe ngoba shengatsi utakufa. Intfo leyayimhlupha, ngu . . . le; abenetikweleti tebantfu manje amangele kutsi nangasafe ngubani loyakusala abakhokhela labantfu letimali tabo. Watsi Bosco, ingani ukhona yena; kantsi wani? Wajaka kubuyela emuva Joseph, kodvwa Don Bosco wamncenga kutsi akababone, kepha watsi kuhle ayobona emasimini kutsi kuhamba njani. Nempela-ke wafike wabhadala tonkhe letikweledi lebetimphetse kabi kubanikati, abetilungiselela nje-ngemuntfu lotjelwe kutsi utakufa ngekushesha. Vele-ke akabange asahlala sikhatsi lesidze kakhulu wabe sewuyabhubha.

Waya eFlorence ngalesinye sikhatsi ayocela lusito. Wajaka kubuyela emuva; batsi labalete kubo bayamalela kutsi asahlalahlale nabo, wala watsi ujake bafana bakhe kute lobondlako. Batsi asubayekele-nje sebatihlalele bodvwa sikhashana. Watsi Bosco, "Badleni?" Batsi: "Uma sitakunika lemali loyifunako unghlala yini natsi?" Watsi Bosco, "Kute longavimba loko." Batsi itakutfunyelwa kamBhishophi lomkhulu; batsi udzinge malini yekondla labafana bakho, wayisho.

Wabutwa ngulomunye weliPhalamende watsi: "Wente-njani kutsi uchube lemisebenti yakho yonkhana ingemi futsi ingawi?" Don Bosco watsi, "Ngiyinjini." Watsi, "Lenjini yona ihamba ngani? Watsi Bosco, "Phela ifuna umlilo, nawo-ke uyakhwetelwa, kute uvutse." "Ushoni ngaloko?" Watsi Bosco, "Umlilo lukholo lwolunelitsembe lolucinisekile ngoba ngaphandle kwalo kute lokungasilungela tsine sintfu." Lamavi aba linyeva kumlateli futsi aba nesizotsa lesikhulu.

Emisebentini yakhe lebalulekile; abebhekene nebapriste bePiedmont. Kuthantaza tiNovena, nemiKhosi lemikhulu legujwako kwakumenywa yena, bapriste labatfunyelwako kubheke yena konkhe — ticelo tatingapheli futsi tingancamuki tivela kutigodzi ngetigodzi; tindzawo ngetindzawo — timemeta yena mabitwa asabele. Asati kahle mhlophe kutsi tintfo kucala tatingelula njengoba setinjalo nyalo; kwakulukhuni kabi ngetintfo tekuhamba. Kwakuhanjwa lukhuni kabi, esitfwatfweni ebusika, nekuhhusha; ehlobo invula netangcotfo, kudvuma nemibani, kushisa nalibalele lise nkantu! Kute longakumela, tsine sikhaliwa lite-nje. Abehamba ngelikalishi, timoto taleso sikhatsi tidvonswa ngemahhashi. Noma ngubani-ke uyabona kukhahlatwa ngemahhashi kutsi abefika adzinwe aludzaka lapho abeye khona. Kepha umuntfu wekutimisela — atsandza kuba ngumngani wesintfu, abemukele ngekumamatseka bonkhe bantfu — abehlala ngekukhuleka njalo noma adzinwe kangakanani — futsi ashumayeke ngemaciniso nangelukholo lolwenta umuntfu atimungunye yena ayedvwa; kunconcotse noma uyenta lukhuni inhilitiyo yakhe. Nasashumayela inshumayelo yakhe yayivungutelisa tinhlitiyo; nawe nami ukhanyelwe kamhlophe — bha; kutsi akusiko-ke lelangikwentako ngoba phela yayicondzisa tigwegwe, ibonise kukhanya kwaPhakadze. Asekhona unina abengumeluleki wakhe ngoba bekayaye atsi nakukhona lokungevakali atsi

akakuphindze ngoba bantfu ngeke beve lalakushoko. Phela Don Bosco abeyaye afundzele uNina lenshumayelo yakhe latayikhuluma esontweni. Ngalesinye sikhatsi wabhala ngemCwetjiswa Peter, wabuta uNina kutsi kushoni lalakushoko, watsi Bosco usho kutsi ngumgoinimnyango, watsi uNina, "Pho yini unghasho njalo-ke." Abetsandze kabi inkhulumo lelinganiselako etinshumayelweni takhe, kuze bantfu bahlute imicondvo.

Kutotonkhe tigingaba lebetimehlela, kwavelainja ligamayo linguGrigio, bhova wemphunga. Yayivela nasetingotini taDon Bosco, ibuye inyamalale iminyaka natisathulile letotingoti. Yayingafuni kudla ingatiwa nekutsi ilalaphi lenja. Yayasabeka njengemphisi esitseni; kepha itfobe njengemvu kubafana baseSigodlweni labayinika leligama lelihumusha kutsi "Yimphunga." Abevame kuhamba ebusuku Bosco, emahlotsini lesabekako. Kwakuba netitfunti letatiyeleta tibhace etincumatsini tigadze labendlulako — ngendlela. Unina asekhona abeshaywa luvalo atsi ingabe umntfwanakhe ukuphi sekuhlwe kangaka! Kwatsi endlula indlu yekugcina edolobheni, yachamuka lenja yahambisana naye. Wacale wangatsita ngalenza, kepha wayibona inemusa yetayeleka ikhombisa buhlobo; baze befika eSigodlweni. Yatsi kube imbeke, yajika yabuyela emuva labachamuke ngakhona. Beyenta njalo onkhe malanga nayibona ahamba yedvwa ebusuku, ikhombisa lutsandvo. Kulobunye busuku wabona bantfu lababili wabasola. Banyatsela tigi letifana netakhe, bajakele ngakuye. Wajuba umgwaco, nabo bentanjalo. Wacabanga kujika abuyele emuva, basebamtselekele. Baphonsa siphuku enhloko, bamvala ngeliduku emlomyeni. Walwa etama kutikhulula do Wabatse ufuna kuphunyula atomemeta kumbe bamuve batomsita; sasingekho lesositfuba. Kulowomgudvugudvu, wahhanguta kwabakanye Grigio, abesasetulu kulowesiphuku, walahleka phasi, wadvumela lowesibili wamgicita phasi eludzakeni. Lowekucala watsi usuka emagonso, hhawu kubani Grigio, wabahhomuza babuya ingcongwana sekubusinasina.

Bacala manje balele phasi batsi; "Bita lenja yakho." Watsi Bosco: "Naningangiyekela ngichubeke nemisebenti yami ningaphindzi ningihluphe." "Yebo phela sivuma konkhe, fane ususe lobhova." Wayibita kwabakanye yalalela; bavuka banyatsela njenganabamsukela basukela Bosco ekucaleni.

Kulobunye busuku, indvodza leyayibhace esihlahleni yamgalela kabili ngelivolovolo, kwakufanele agayeke phasi khona lapho, ngoba abedvute kabi, kube abengakamgeji. Yalahla lapha livolovolo yabe seyisetikwakhe. Asefikile Grigio, watihudvulela endvodzeni wayijika lapha Yavuka yacela empunzini ngeligonso; luvalo lona lwaselumenteni! Bahamba boGrigio nemngani wakhe asamphekelelela wambeka emnyango ngci. Kutsite ngalelinye lilanga lenja lengu-Grigio — yamsita futsi; abehamba kusihlwa endzaweni lengenamiti kulihlane, weva tigi tebantfu; wasutsi ubuka emuva wabona indvodza iphetse sicwayi isimisile. Don Bosco abenematubane kabi; kepha sitsa sakhe sasimengca ngelitubane; yabe seyikhona, yamutsi-ngci. Kwakusikhatsi-ke nyalo, Don Bosco wayifahlata ngencindi leyenta abhodlise kwenkhomo ihlatjwa. Lalabanye labebabhacile ehlatisini beva lowomsindvo baphuma bajibeka. Bonkhe babehlome baphelele; lalimnyama lelolifu kuBosco. Kulowomnyama wevakala Grigio asabhodlisa libhubesi; watungeleta Bosco ahhonga, kwaye kwatsi nya bonkhe.

Ngalesinye sikhatsi Grigio waya lesiGodlweni, wamalela Bosco kutsi ahambe, walala embikwemnyango aloku ahhonga akhombisa bubi ngaphandle unina asekhona watsi angaphumi noma angafuni kulalela yena kalalele lenja phela, yona iyeva kunaye. Walalela unina, kutsite dvukudvuku kwanconcootsa umuntfu afuna kotsa, wasutsi uve tigebengu letimbili titsi tifuna kumvjmbetela.

Ntsambama emuva kwekudla Grigio waya lakudlalelwa khona, bafana batsi mbo kuye. Bambhulasha bambambe inhloko netindlebe; lolokuncane kumgibela beta naye endlini yekudlela bapriste basebadla. Wambuta ngemusa Bosco kutsi ukhala ngani, ubekwa yini aze ete lapha, wangena wabeka inhloko yakhe etikwelitafula, wajikitisa umsila. Don Bosco wayibutainja kutsi ifunani. Ifuna sigadla sashisa yini noma liphalihi. Kwabonakala kutsi ayifuni lutfo. Watsi yena uma ingafuni lutfo ayihambe iyekulala ekhaya. Grigio wanyatfutela ngalesikhulu sizotsa waphuma. Sizatfu salokuvakashela lokungakabhekeki nguGrigio sakhanya nge-muva. Phela Don Bosco bekavakashela kamngani wakhe ngaleyontsambama. Noko ngalelolanga umnganiwakhe wamphocelela kutsi ambuyisele ekhaya ngetikalishi. Grigio yena

bekammele ejikeni lelalisemnyameni ngekutsi bebahamba ngelikalishi abambonanga. Kungako-nje Grigio wangena endlini atekubona kutsi umngani wakhe uhambe kahle yini.

Kutsite nasetakunyamalala Grigio, babonana kulenye indzawo. Kwasekucala kuhlwa. Abetakwengca emasimu labegadvwa tinja letinelulaka lolubi. Esaba Bosco watsi, kube Grigio ukhona lapha, angakalimithi watsi tfushu Grigio waticosha tonkhe letinja letesabekako. Banele befika kalomngani wakhe badla. walala eceleni kwabo Grigio. Wangena laph'ekhaya bamangala kutsi Bosco wayitsatsaphi lenja lenhle kangaka! Bacedza kudla, wasukuma Bosco wamupha kudla loGrigio; wanele wadla wanyamalala khona lapho. Netitsa temCwetjiswa tasetidziniwe kumtingela.

Nga-1869 leNhlango yemaSalesian yatfola imvume noko imitsetfo netisekelo talomhlango betisengakakhishwa. Kepha emuva ekhaya abenesitsa lesikhulu lesasingumngani wakhe lomkhulu ekucaleni. Sonkhe siyati kutsi nawenta lokuhle kubonwe noma ngubani bese kudala butsa ikakhulukati kubangani bakho sekungatsi utenta muhle wena. Naye-ke lomngani wacala kubhala aneka emaphepheni netincwajana letigceka Bosco, kutsi akenti kona nemitsetfo lahamba ngayo mibi itakuchitsa leleminye imihlango. Phela-ke futsi nebantfu basheshe bayengeke nakungayi khona eNkhosini bakulandzele. Labalikhulu kabi lelicembu lelilwa naBosco. Yena-ke njengemuntfu lowabete lutfo kakhulu; waya eRoma wafike khona wabhala incwajana-nje, yaniketwa lalababehambisana naye. Abengeke-ke akushiye kukhumbula uMsiti wemaKhristu awe ngelidvolo phasi amcele kube amsite nasetitseni takhe. Kwatsi nasabuyela emuva Bosco asesendlini yaMabhalane, wakhandza kutsi tonkhe tintfo tiyاملungela, emuva kwemhlango. Watsi nakefika ekhaya watsi, "Atikhanye tibani tenu, semukelekile." Emuva kwelishumi nesitfupha lenhlango yase itimele seyisebenta ngalokuphelele.

Watsi Bosco, "Kube besengati njengoba sengati nyalo, angiboni kutsi bengingaba naso lesibindzi sekubeketelela tinhlupho lengedlule kuto; nasisacala lomsebenti."

Wacala lesinye Sigodlo wasibita ngekutsi ngumCwetjiswa Aloysius. Kwayakusebenta labanye bapriste boDon Boreli, Don Murialdo naDon Rua. Yayidvute nemfula lendzawo,

ngako-ke tintfombi tatihlantela khona. Lokwetigebengu kwebafana kute kutobahlupha kufuna kwenta tiga nabo. Yayilukhuni lendzawo kumuntfu longenasibindzi njenga-Don Bosco, yayidzinge yena kanye tele-nje.

Kantsi angakafi Phapha Pius wemfica watsi: "Ema-Khatholika afuna lisontfo lelikhulukati leNhlitiyo leyiNgcwele. Phapha-ke wayitsenga lendzawo yekulakha. Andza nema-phrothesitandi-bo; kepha nawenta ngenyama yini lengakulungela? Bebangeke bawengce emaKhatholika. Phapha Leo welishumi-nantsatfu, nasatsetse, wacela tandla emhlabeni wonkhe kumaKhatholika, nempela wachubeka lomsebenti kwentiwa sisekelo. Imali yaphelela kulesosisekelo ngoba kwakufute kumbiwe emafidi langemashumi lasihlanu kuya phasi. Phapha Leo welishumi-nantsatfu wahlangana nema-Khadinali kubuta kutsi sekutakwentiwanike nyalo-nje, sekute timali tekuchuba lomsebenti. Abesaphelelwa ngemandla naye Phapha. UmKhadinali Alimonda watsi, kakuniketwe Don Bosco awuchube. Watsi Phapha, "Kanjani, utsi utakuvuma kwetfwala lobumatima lobu-nje!" Watsi umKhadinali, "Nakati kutsi loku kuyintsandvo yakho angajabula."

Nembala Phapha wenta njengoba bamelulekile. Don Bosco, ngenhlanhla naye abelapho eRoma. Wamenywa emhlanganweni, wavuma njengoba ashito lomKhadinali. Watsi nasabuyele emuva ekhaya; wafike wayifaka esigungwini sakakhe, lapho basukuma bema ngetinyawo lalabanye kutsi angavuma kanjani, utayitsatsaphi lemali yekwenta konkhe loku. Kepha umuntfu lophiwe ngeTulu ungamtisini, ngoba wakhuluma baze bavumelana bonkhe ngalivi linye. Wenta yonkhe imitamoo, waze wabuta Phapha kutsi kuchubeka njani; watsi kuchubeka kahle kakhulu, wamniketa tinkhulungwane letisihlanu teMalangeni kutsi engetele etikwato. Yenta lokungayiphi leyomali ngoba lendlu yayiyinkhulu. Tacala kucaka nyalo tintfo, kwema ingcondvo. Waya eFulansi Bosco. Walutfola lusito nakhona.

Lomkhulu wakhona eFulansi watsi kashumayeke kuleso-sigodzi, kepha abedziniwe. Washumayela yena lomPriste ngemisebenti ya-Bosco. Bantfu bamangala batjelana bodywa. Ngesikhatsi sekunikela kwakungatsi bayatsela abasati labakwentako. Nanetipho emuva kweliMisa kwachamuka macala onkhe. UMMeli walayela Bosco indzawo latsi iyatsengisa,

abefuna yena kutsi ifane naleSigodlo saseValdocco, kepha yayidulile watsi Bosco ngiyayifuna. Watsi uMmeli utayitsa-tsaphi imali lengaka, watsi Bosco ngitakusalelwa tinkhulungwane letilishumi-nakubili emva sengiyitsengile; nembala kwaba njalo; wamangala uMmeli.

Kwagcwala bantfu bete kuDon Bosco. Kutsite emuva kwenkonzo, baya ekudleni labemenyelwe khona netitatanyi-swa taleyondzawo. Basadla, kwabakhona intfombatana leya-tsi; "Utsi ngumCwetjiswa lolodlako adle nemuntfu wonkhe?" Abetihlebela-nje phela. Batsi seabacedzile kudla waphuma Don Bosco wahamba lapho ingakhona leyontfombatana watsi kuyibuka wasutsi; "Uyawati atsini emavi emPhostoli Paul, atsi: 'Konkhe lokwentako, noma uyadla, noma uyanatsa kuphela nawungenti lokubi, ngako-ke konkhe kulungile.'" Yamangala lentfombatana kutsi umuve njani ngoba akaze asondzelelane naye. Kwakukwekucala kutsi abesehatsi ne-Fulansi, ngoba kucala wefikela ngakulenywe incenye yalelolive. LomFundisi walesigodzi wamtsatsa wamyisa esiteshini lesa-sisedolobheni lelalisedvutanyana-nje. Wabona seabaphambuka Bosco; wabuta kutsi: "Sekukhona yini esiteshini lapha?" Watsi umFundisi, "Cha-ke, ngisacela sesendlule lapha kukhona logulako welibandla losita kakhulu esontfweni."

Intfombatana lencane yayinesifo semphimbo kungavumi nekutsi imite ngisho emanti, seyife koma. Bosco watsi; "Natsa nankh'emanti engilazini." Watsi unina wentfombatana; "Ngeke awanatse, akunatseki." Watsi Bosco, "Asithantazeni. Bathantaza sikhathana bavuka. "Nyalo-ke natsa," kusho Don Bosco. Intfombatana yanatsa, imemeta kujabula yatsi "Sengisindzile!" Bosco wabubula watsi, "Akabongwe Nkulunkulu, neNkhosikati yeliZulu leCwebile." Base bendlulela esiteshini.

Luhambo lwakhe lwekugcina lolo lwekuya eParis. Waluhamba ngekubhudvutela lokukhulu; kepha abengeke endlule bapriste nemaKhadinali angakamceli kutsi afane abashiye aphonse livi linye kubantfu babo. UmKhadinali Guibert watsi akashumayele alandze ngemisebenti yakhe layentako. Phela Don Bosco abengashumayeli ngemisebenti akhombise kutichayisa, cha! yena abeshumayelela kutsi kusale kuphendvuka toni tibuyele endloleni yeNkhosi yato.

Watsi Don Bosco kulomKhadinali, “Lolulwimi angilwati kahle — hle, ngeke beve bantfu lenshumayelo yami kulele-
ngifuna kukusho. Watsi umKhadinali, “I-Paris yonkhe ita-
kuva, lulwimi lwabo lolu.” Nempela wayibeka Don Bosco
inshumayelo yakhe, noma abehle abuka lamanye emagama
lasamcaka — kodvwa yabenta bakhala, batisola ngekona
kwabo. Lendlu labengeniswe kuyo Don Bosco yayigcwele
kushengatsi akusekho longekho ekhaya; bafuna kuva livi
leliphuma emlonyeni wakhe, kanye-nje. Babefuna kutsintsa
umphetfo wengubo yakhe njengaku-Jesu; labanye bafuna
kwanga letotandla lesetishwaphene letatibanika timetali te-
Nkhosikati yeliZulu.

Kutsite basemile kwachamuka umpriste lomdzala wale-
sosigodzi, wafuhleketela wabanga emnyango lakukhona Don
Bosco ngakhona. Bantfu labebamile batsi; “Cha, mFundisi
sonkhe sijake kumbona njengawe, mela sikhatsi sakho nawe
njengalabanye; futsi hamba ubhalise kuMabhalane akunike
yakho inombolo yekungena.” Watsi yena angaphendvuli la-
bantfu asasho kuBosco; “Ubambelele yonkhe i-Paris wena
tsani uyadlala.” Ngendzaba yesikhatsi sesisincane, Bosco
wayakubona sigulane lesasifune kumbona kepha ngebunyenti
bebantfu akatange ambone. Waya kuyeke Don Bosco ekhaya
lakhe, kwakugcwele titaladi, titebhisi, nekwehleri kwetitebhisi.

Abengaphilisi umtimba wodvwa kepha nemiphefumulo.
Wabuyela ekhaya ayifolile imali lelingene kondla bafana
bakhe, yekwakha lisontfo leNhilitiyo leyiNgcwele eRoma.

SIPHAMBANO SELUSINDZISO

Kuletotikhatsi iTaliyane yayingafuni lutfo lokutsiwa
lukholo. Incenye yetindzawo letinye tatichwagwe kuPhapha,
kanye netimali, kuliwa nelukholo. Lowombuso lomusha
wetiNdvuna letatisetinsha ekuphatseni, tema ngebume kubona
kutsi Don Bosco uyachitfwa njengoba inhlango lekwaku-
tsiwa yemaJesuwite kanye naPhapha bacoshwa eveni lakubo.

Don Bosco abengafuni kutsi abongwe ngalakwentako, kepha afuna kutsi bati, bacondze kutsi yimisebenti leyentiwa ngumDali wabo. Wate wabekisa ngekutsi uma angatsi Sathane ngekumetfulela kwami sigcoko, ukhona umphefumulo longasindziswa, ngingasetfula masinyane. Buphekula-sikhuni bami ngulobo-ke, bekutsi ngingatsandzi kubona umuntfu edvukiswa nguSathane; ngenta intsandvo yaBabe loseZulwini longitfumile.

Kutsite badla ntsambama wasutsi; “Lamuhla ngibhalele titatanyiswa temhlabeni — ngibhalele iNkhosi, naPhapha, nalosenkembeni yekujutjwa. Bahleka bafa, nekumangala futsi, kutsi “Hhawu, iNkhosi nekwenta! Abona-nje kutsi liBandla lidvunguteliswa ngulemvunge yekuchitfwa kwetigodlo nenkantolo yaseRoma; kuchitfwa tinhlangani taseti-godlweni; bapriste nemasistela!”

Don Bosco wabhudza iNdlovukazi neNina wayo bafile kanye nemnakabo Victor Emmanuel iNkhosi, nayo ifile. Wayibhalele iNkhosi, wayatisa ngaleliphupho, kepha ayilishayanga-mkhuba yachubeka nalekwentako. Emva kwetinyanga wakhi-shwa umutsetfo wekubhidlita emasontfo; nalabobantfu bafa bonkhe njengaleliphupho laDon Bosco. Tatitsi letotiNdvuna natibona tincwadzi letiya kuPhapha naletiphuma kuye titsi ativulwe ngoba tinenkhulumo lembi lengachitsa umbuso, bafuna kwenta imphi bahlasele iNkhosi. Kwasekubakhona imvunge yekutsi labafana labagcinwe nguDon Bosco, bafundziswa imphi yekuketula umbuso, kuhle kuyovinjetelwa kuseshiswe tonkhe tingosi. Futsi banetikhali letibukhali tekulwa. Kwate kwefika lapho iNdvuna yeTasekhaya uMnumzane Farini watfumela emaphoyisa ayovimbetela lesosigodlo sebaafana, baseshe. Bagudvuta yonkhe indzawo ngisho indlu yaDon Bosco, bayibhekisa phasi netulu, banyakulula, bange-nandzaba. LeNdvuna yababhalele incwadzi yekusesha yayi-sayina matfupha. Babekhankhasile kutotonkhe tingosi nema-kona esigodlo ngoba lalilinyenti lelicembu lekuvimbetela lelalitfunyelwe.

Don Bosco wacela kubona incwadzi yemvume yekusesha ngekwentsetfo. Batsi bona batakubuye bakubone loko. Watsi Bosco, “Phela ngeke nginivumele ngaphandle kwayo leyo-ncwadzi. Basho bamchuba embili baya naye endlini yakhe.

Babaneligunya lelikhulu kabi bonkabi kutsi waze watfolakala, ekutsenini vele ufuna kuketula umbuso; ingani vele usabhalana nemaJesuwite nanaPhapha. Kwakuyimphi, ngoba babephenya shangatsi kukhona lakwebile Don Bosco, futsi labanelitsemba lekukutfola nakanjani. Kwamenta wakhonona Bosco ngalobudlova babo, wakhuluma ngesiLathini, lobekusho kutsi, "Nenta intfo leyentiwa eNkhosini Yami lelenikwentako." Bambuta kutsi kushoni lalakukhulumako ngesiLathini, wabachazela. Akubatsintsanga nakancane nalawomavi akhe, bachubeka nekusesha kwabo; kepha kute luflo lolwetsembisa kutsi bangahle bakutfole. Watsi Bosco, "Ninesikhatsi sekudlala nine, mine-ke ngenemsebenti lekufanele ngiwente." Bacala-ke nabo batsi akakhiphe letincwadzi labatifunako, nabo sebabona kutsi vele kuchitsa sikhatsi lalabakwentako. Watsi Bosco akati yena kutsi tincwadzi tini lalabatifunako, futsi akasiso silima kutsi angabeka tincwadzi letinjalo ngalesikhatsi sebulukhuni, wachubeka watsi, abachubeke badlale. Wahhlala phasi wabhala tincwadzi; natsi uyayicedza-nje bayitsi hlwitsi bayibukisisa.

Kutsite basaphenya babona libhokisi. Bajabula bafa njalo batsi, "Ucabanga kutsi uhlakaniphile!" Batsi futsi, "Vula lelibhokisi, linani?" Watsi Bosco, "Umuntfu uvunyelwe kutsi afihle timfihlo temuti wakhe, ngeke ngilivule." Batsi akalivule ngoba batalephula nakangalivuli. Nembala walivula Don Bosco, basho bajakela kumfuntanyana wetincwadzi tiboshwe tagigeletelwa. Kwakutikweledi takhe akweleta umBhaki nemfundzisi lowabefundzisa kususa sicatfulo phasi site sipele; nalokunye-njeke njengekudla. Wawungatsi setilima nabangatfoli luflo. Babuta naletinye tincwadzi tibhalwe ngetimphilo taboSanti, watsatsa yinye-nje Bosco wabafundzela imphilo yaSimeon Stylites. Batsi bona sekwenele! Babuta kutsi tatibhalwa ngubani, watsi ngemaJesuwite — batishiya.

Ntsambama kwakufanele ayekuvumisa tincumbi tebanafana, labebatilungiselela kwemukela ngakusasa ngoba kwakulusuku lokwehla kweMoya loCwebile. Tambuta letivakashi letibaseshi kutsi, "Yini yena akumhluphi nalokufika kwabo, yini labanye bantfu bayahlunama nabababona bachamuka?" Wabaphendvula watsi: "Kungoba ngiyati kutsi ngimhlophe enhlitiyweni kuleleningicabangela kona." Kodvwa bachubeka ngekungametsemi kahle kutsi ngabe uneliciniso

yini kulalakushoko. Bavula liposi lakhe lelifikako naleliphu-
mako. Batsi bavula kulelifikako bayitsi hlasi yekucala;
kwatsi nabayivula ngekhatshi bakhandza kutsi isayinwe sandla
labasetayele, sisandla seMnumzane Farini leNdvuna lebatfu-
mele lapha kutosesha. Abecelela umfana lobete batali amce-
lela kutsi afane amgcine atfumele nanemadlana lengasho
lutfo yekumgcina lomfana. Babamba longentasi batiyela
kutsi batakubikela bani. Bahamba behlile kulalabefika
bangiko kuba tichomoketi; Don Bosco wabanatsisa liwayini.

Kwasekungatsi kutsi gogololo. Emva kwemaviki lamabili
kwesuka futsi; Don Bosco abengekho kulawomalanga.
KwakunguMabhalane, umHloli nesingcukela sathishela lobe-
kafundzisa eNyuvesi. Umgomo wabo babefuna kwati kutsi
kambe lemali lachuba ngawo lomsebenti ngabe uyitfolo
njani, ingani bayehluleka labanye ngisho tiphatsimandla
kwenta njengaye; lokunye-ke kukutsi bagceke lemfundvo
layifundzisa labobafana ngoba nabo bakhombisa inhlaka-
niphlo lenkhulu. Kubo kwakungatsi sebayatikhobosa kula-
bafana nabenta imisebenti letsite. Batama kucindzetela
umGcinisikhwama kutsi abatjelisise ngenhluzula nebuluhlata
kwabo nabambutako. Batsi uyitfolo kumaTaliyane yini
lalacoshwa lemali? Tindhamba tametfusa waze wacaleka.
Khona lapho wangena Don Bosco asaculekile lompriste.
Badvumelana naye-ke nyalo ngekumhlukumeta, kepha batfolo
nkhulumo yinye nakuye Don Bosco kutsi, "Yimpenisheni
yengcosana yebafana labebagcinwe kulesigodlo ekucaleni;
nalabanelutsa ndvo lwekusita lababonako kutsi lenanzawo
isita kuphi lolokwentiwa nguDon Bosco.

Sebehlulekile kuloko; bangenelana netindlu tekufundzela
bafana, emaklilasi phela. Babuta loku naloku kubafana,
batfolo kutsi baphendvuleka ngebungcweti lobumangalisile.
Bagcina sebabute kutsi, "Ngubani lowabulala Khesari?"
Batsi bafana, "NguBrutus." "Kambe akentanga kahle yini
ngekumbulala, ngoba abeyiNkhosi lengakalungi lenelulaka
futsi?" Batsi bafana, "Cha-ke, bantfu babengakafanele bavukele
umHoli wabo." "Nangabe umHoli angakalungi-ke?" "Ngekwa-
Nkulunkulu loko." Baphindze baHloli batsi, "Akukalungi-nje
kutsi kuhlaselwe Victor Emmanuel, kuze atoyekela kuhlu-
phana nebampriste, baBhishophi nanaPhapha — na?" "Cha
akukalungi kufanele bantfu bathantazele kuthula emhlabeni."
"Angitsi babulali nalabahlupha liBandla babi njengoba
Victor Emmanuel abulala emakholwa-nje, kufanele . . . ;"

babefuna kutsi kucedzele bafana; solo babalinga kutsi baphambuke enkhulumeni yabo lesolo icondzile. Kodvwa baphendvula batsi, "Wena wati kakhulu kabi kunatsi, uyakwati kwehlulela; Don Bosco tsine usifundzisa kutsi: "Yatisani iNkhosi neMndeni wayo wonkhe. Kepha bantfu kabasho-nje.

Akubajabulisanga nani lokuphendvulwa ngulabafana kanjalo, besuka bacondza labadlela khona bafana batsi kumbe batakva noma munye-nje avungama ngekutsi bayalamba kube kumtfolo kwabo-ke loko loMfundisi. Likhishi lalihlobile kute labangase bakusho ngalo; nekudla kwanele bonkhe bafana. Bacondza nesontfweni; nalapho kubatelwa khona nalapho kukhandvwa khona tintfo tetinsimbi nekwen-tiwa kweticatfulo; kwavulwa emakhabethe, kuphakanyiswa ngisho tinsinjana. Kugudvululwa yonkhe indzawo, batsi kumbe bangahle batfole intfo lesasikhali sekulwa emphini. Bachubeka ema-awa lasikhombisa batanatana ngekuphenya; baze batfolo incwadzi leyayibhalwe nguPhapha Pius wemfica; kwakuyincwadzi yelwati ibhalwe ngesiLathini. Bajabula batsi kumbe-ke yona itakuba sifakazo ngahle ibe yekuketula umbuso kulabalwa neNkhosi. Batsi loMfundisi uhlakaniphile ngeke umtfole, nalokwebafana nako kumkhonte ! Bahamba nayo-ke leyoncwadzi, kepha kwakuyintfo lengenamsebenti kubo icondzene nelwati lwengcondvo yekwati buKhosi baNkulunkulu. Base baphenya kubantfu labase bamse-bentela phambilini. Wekucala ngca; kwakungumakhi weticatfulo lowabefundzisa bafana kutakha. Batsi, "Kambe loDon Bosco abetikhuluma yini tindzaba tekupolitika nanisebentako noma nive ayala bafana bakhe ngetintfo letiphatselene nembuso?" Watsi loMakhi weticatfulo: "Ipo-lotiki yakhe yayikutsi utabagcina ngani lababafana bakhe, abondle ngani futsi." Batsi futsi, "Abengakhulumi ngekutsi ningenele emasotja aPhapha nitohlasela iNkhosi." "Kulwa kwakhe, kulwa nebubi baSathane nemikhuba yakhe, atsi kufanele sikhuleke siye neSidlweni lesiyiNgcwele sitomncoba." Batsi futsi: "Siva kutsi Phapha wemfica umtfumele insambansamba yetimali?" Atsi umakhi-ticatfulo, "Imadlana lamnika yona Phapha ngulesikhatsi akhona lena kuye eRoma, watsi utakufike entele labafana bakhe lidzili, phela kube wamnika incumbi yetimali ngabe kasoloku ahamba akhngotela, acela lapha nalapha, futsi kangiboni kutsi ngabe soloku wabanetikweledi."

Umnganakhe Rattazzi lowabeyiNdvuna yeTasekhaya kucala angakaphumi, wacela kubonana naDon Bosco efike lekuye. Don Bosco waya. Watsi kamtjele konkhe lokwakwentiwa kuye ngalokuphenywa. Abetfukutsele kabi Rattazzi. Watsi, "Uyati kutsi angibatsandzi bapriste kepha ngitsandza imisebenti lemihle angikhatsali kutsi yentiwa ngubani!" Wasutsi, "Kuhle lendzaba yakho iyiswe ePhalamende." Bosco wacela kutsi, fane abhalele iNdvuna yeTangekhatsi neNdvuna yetekwatisa ngasense; wasutsi konkhe lolokunye umDali sewuyakubona langahle akwente. Wabhala kahle konkhe lakwentako akwentela bantfwana besive, wase-ke uchaza nekuvakashelwa kwakhe baphenyi betinhlobonhlobo.

Lokubhala kwakungacishe kumsite; kepha tinhlebo temaphephandzaba tatiloku tichubekile ngekugceka lesigodlo sebašana kutsi, yinzawo yekufundzisa bantfu kutsi bavukele umbuso balwe neNkhosi, ite ichtfwe. Tindvuna phela tona tatilalela noma yini leshiwoko ngoba nato tigadze tikhundla tato tingahliphikelwa, nakutsiwa kushiwo bapriste, vele bakutsatsela etulu ngengcondvo yebubi vele nato.

Kwasekulukhumi ngangoba Don Bosco waze wayobhekana naFarini bachazelana umlomo nemlomo. Wacela kubonana nabo, beve kutsi ukhala ngani; wabhalela Spaventa Mabhalane lomkhulu weNdvuna Farini kucela kutsi abonane neNdvuna. Bala baze balisisa bangafuni ngisho kumnika lelincane litfutjana bentela kutsi aze acasuke adzinwe kuma aze ahambe; kodywa kadzinwanga bagcina kutsitiwe utakubonana nayo iNdvuna ngensimbi yelishumi nanye. Nefika endlini yeNdvuna sigijimi satsi, kasetukuphumelela kuyibona iNdvuna iminyetelwe ngumsebenti kabi. Watsi, "Ngitakuma aze Mabhalane angibone," washo ahlala phasi, khona nje ngoba asalambe afile, sekukutsi uzilile. Wahhlala lapho kwaze kwaba yinsimbi yesitfupha ntsambama angakatsi ncamu emlonyeni. Bantfu befike bangene bahambe, kube kute bumatima bekungena bayibone baphume batihambele. Lalabangenisa labantfu nakubo kwagcine sekumunyu kutsi kadze afikile loMfundisi kepha yena uchilitelwa eceleni. Spaventa Mabhalane wakuva lokuvungatela kwebantfu, wasuka washikitela wacondza emnyango watsi: "Yini Don Bosco ufunani wena lapha?" ambuta ngendluzula. Watsi Don Bosco, "Ngicela kukhuluma nawe imizuzwana-nje." "Ufunani, khuluma," asho amkhahlameta. "Kumcoka lelengifuna kukusho

kuwe." Watsi Mabhalane, "Khuluma khona lapha labantfu betsembekile." Watsi Don Bosco: "Mkhulukati weNkhosi yami, nginebafana labangemakhulu lasihlanu lekufanele bondliwe; sengibabeka kuwe sal'ubagcina wena yonkhe imphilo yabo." Watsi Mabhalane; "Bobani bona labafana?" "Bafana labate emakhaya, tintsandzane, laseHulumende atsi kabachitfwe bazule nelive kantsi wabatfumela kimi kutsi ngibagcine." "Bakuphi nyalo labafana?" "Basekhaya lami." Bagcinwa ngubani?" "Ngulabo labanelutsandvo, nemusa kubasita." "Ubhadalani Hulumende ekubagcineni kwakho?" "Ngisho lisenti." Lesicuku lesasimele kungena sihleti kuvulande sasondzela siva lenkhulumo ibuhlungu, kantsi iyageckwa nguloHulumende, samvela loMfundisi; wabona Spaventa kutsi hhayi labantfu bangenwa sihawu, kuncono amngenise endlini bakhulumele phasi kungeva labanye bantfu. Nempela wangena Don Bosco watsi kahlale phasi, selehlile nelivi nyalo asakhuluma kahle.

Watsi Spaventa, "Ngiyakwati lokuhle lokwentako, ngingakwentelani?" asakhulumela phasi nakahle futsi. Watsi kumphendvula Don Bosco, "Bengicela ungichazele kutsi lobugudlugudlu nebunaphanapha bekuphenywa, nalokuhlushwa lengikubo ngebani?" "Yebo, uyakwati kutsi uhlahise umbuso kabi ngekufuna kuwuchitsa, ngingete ngibeloku ngibalisa; wena khuluma licimiso lemfihlo yakho yonkhe kungalunga konkhe." "Mfihlo yini?" "NgaleNhlangano yema-Jesuwite, bafuna kubona lolokushiwoko ngawo nawe, nguloko-ke lobekufunwa ngemaphoyisa." "Angati lutfo ngalabobantfu noma bewungibute emkhatsini welinyenti bengitakusho-nje." Watsi Mabhalane, "Asisutifaka kulendzaba, yiNdvuna kuphela longakhuluma nayo." "Phela-ke nakute longangisita ngako, ngicelele kubonana neNdvuna." "Ngitakwetama, kepha ungayiteki lendzaba noma ngangukubani."

Waphuma Don Bosco; emva kwemizuzu lelishumi nesihlanu wabuya futsi. Kwatsiwa iNdvuna iminyetelekile. Wabuyela ekhaya seloku angawati emabele ngemlomo. Ngakusasa kwakulusuku lwekukhumbula iNkhosikati yeli-Zulu — nakufika umbiko lotsi ufuneka ngensimbi yelishumi nanye kuze abonane neNdvuna. Bafana babetilungisela nje- ngenhlalayenta nakunguMkhosi lotsite; wabacela kutsi lelo-Misa lentelwe sibomu lesitsite bemukele futsi. Nakefika Don

Bosco, yaba nemusa leNdvuna, ikhombisa kubonga kutsi wenta umsebenti lomuhle Bosco, awentele tindzindzi nemi-hambima yebafana beTurin; wabuta kutsi angamsita ngani. Watsi Don Bosco: “Kambe lokuphenywa kwami nekuhlushwa kangaka ngabe yini lelengiyentile lembi emehlweni enu?” Yatsi iNdvuna, “Wo, ucinisile, Hulumende ufanele kukugadzisisa naseloku uphikelele kuketula umbuso.” “Emphilweni yami yonkhe, loko ngakubeka eceleni kutsi ngingalingi ngingene kuko; bengingatsandza ungitjele luhlangotsi lolubonakalisa kungahambisani naHulumende.” Yatsi iNdvuna, “Ubhala emaphepheni, futsi ubamba imihlangano endlini yakho ubuye ubhalelane netitsa tesive.”

Watsi Bosco, “Ngingakuphendvula yini kuloko, ngoba nawe ukhulume wakhululeka emoyeni wakho. Angiwati umtsetfo lovimba kutsi ngingabhali emaphephandzabeni noma ngukuliphi liphepha liciniso kutsi kangitange ngibhale ngisho kanye wena wakoMkhulu.” “Yebo uyakuphika wena loko, kepha bufakazi baloko bukhona, tindzatzana lotibhalako emaphephandzabeni.” Watsi Bosco, “Wena wakomkhulu, angitesabi letifakazo letingenaliciniso.” “Usho kutsi ngingemanga?” “Cha, wena wakomkhulu kutsi wena ukholwa kutjelwa lokungesilo liciniso.” “Kepha Mfundisi, uyati kutsi nawubala bantfu bami, usuke ubala Hulumende lucobo.” “Wena wakoMkhulu, ngiyacolisa nawubona siphosiso sami, angisoli muntfu, kodvwa ngisuke ngitivikela ngoba kushiwo tintfo letingekho ngami, bayenge umtsetfo ubente bese bavuka lulaka.”

I Ndvuna Farini yamangaliswa ngulesibindzi saDon Bosco wasutsi, “Kambe uyati yini kutsi ukhuluma neNdvuna lengakubopha.” “Wena wakomkhulu, nayo iNdvuna itsandza liciniso nenhlonipho nayingabopha sisebenti sayo lesenta buhle kumakhelwane.” “Uyacinisa kutsi zange ubambe imihlangano lenjengaleyo endlini yakho, nekubhalelana nema-Jesuwite naPhapha neNkantolo yemaRoma?” Wafunga wagoncola Don Bosco kutsi kati ngisho likheli lawo ema-Jesuwite; kuphela Phapha-ke kutsi ufanele ente sibopho sakhe njengalabanye baFundisi.” Itsi iNdvuna, “Tsine sinebufakazi baloko, “kusho Farini, Don Bosco wasutsi, “Ngivumelekile kuticelela lobobufakazi ngibubone,ngitokhululeka nami.”

Kwavuleka umnyango, kwangena iNkhosana Cavour. Noma leNkhosana yayinemoya lomubi nayo waleNdvuna, kepha babetsandzana naBosco, ngoba wachaza lokwenthiwa nguBosco; nekutsi emaphoyisa afike entani, aphekulula sigodlo sebañana ngendluzula; wacina ngelekutsi, "Kodvwa kwakute bubi labebucondzile." Watsi futsi Don Bosco akatsintselene nakancane ngembuso, kuphela ufunana nemiphfumulo. Kunanatela lenkhulumo yaCavour, watsi Bosco, "Sengihleti iminyaka lengemashumi lamabili kute namunye longasho kutsi ngasengakhuluma ngemphi nangaHulumende." "Ngeke ngikhohwe kutsi uhambisana natsi ngeliciniso lonkhe." "Asengitsi-nje, umuntfu uyaboshwa yini aboshelwe imfihlo yakhe?" kusho Bosco. "Ngiyacinisa kutsi zange sengidvonsele muntfu nakanye kutsi abesitsa sembuso; kepha ngitame kugcina tinzulane letingenamakhaya, tingadli, tingembatsi; kuze titobabantfu bakusasa labanesimilo, bangabi yingoti esiveni — ngiko-ke lengiketula ngako umbuso, kute lokunye." Tacala tiNdvuna tabaneluvelo, tabukana todvwa. Basebatsi kayekelwe angabesahlushwa Don Bosco nebañana bakhe; basebacela kutsi abathantazele nabo.

Kulingwa kwakhe akuphelanga ngaleyonkhulumo yakhe netiNdvuna. Kwachuma letinye titsa letimcoka boGatti asesesikhundleni selitiko leKwatisa, naSelmi uMphatsi-mfundvo eTurin. Injongo yabo kwakukutsi bavale letikolwa taDon Bosco. Kuze bakwente loko batsi ucashe bothishela labangenatitifiketi teticu. Selmi watsi katfumele onkhe emagama emathishela akhe netitifiketi tabo teticu letisho kutsi bafanele bafundzise. Waphendvula ngelokutsi waniketwa imvume litiko lekwatisa kutsi achube njengoba wentela bafana besive sakusasa. Wala Selmi watsi nakangatitfumeli titifiketi temathishela labacecshiwe ncono avale tikolwa takhe. Wancenga kuloko kepha kwabate imphumelelo. Kusenjalo kwasekutsiwa kabayekuhlolwa kuze batfole titifiketi. Utsite Gatti nakeva sivunywa lesincomo, wafuna kwakhe-ke manje langakwenta kuze awavimbele lamathishela angayi leNyuvesi kuyekubhala bahlolwe. Abeneliciniso Gatti kutsi vele titakuvalwa letikolwa taDon Bosco, noma asacele imvume kuSelmi yekutsi abangenise eNyuvesi, kantsi nguye lonemvume.

Naye-ke Selmi wabaluhlata klabo! Wambhekisa enhlanentansi, atsi kambe nacabanga ngaPhapha nemaJesuwite,

naye Don Bosco netikolwa takhe, kutsi akafe-nya! Don Bosco wakutsatsa ngemoya lophasi konkhe loko nangekumamatseka. Kwamenta Selmi wachachatela kukwata watsi, "Uhlekani, usho kutsi awungiboni kutsi ngitfukutsele kabi ngalentfo yakho?" "Ngentiwa kutsi lolokushoko akungenelani nami." "Utsini, awusiye, loDon Bosco ingcweti yema-Jesuwite?" "Cha-ke, ngicela ungibeketelele ungive kahle." "Tani tona letikodlwana loticelelako?"

Wachaza Don Bosco kutsi tintsandzane temaTaliyane latama kutifundzisa imisebenti yekutiphilisa, naletinye tinkhulungwane tangaphandle. Watsi Selmi, "Ngubani lotigcinako?" Watsi Don Bosco, "Kangibhadalwa mine ngekubagcina, kepha kuloku labangipha kona labanelutsandvo nesisa, ngibagcina ngako-ke, futsi ngisebenta matima kwenge-tetela kuloko." Wabuya phasi Selmi nakeva lamagama wasutsi, "Ngatjelwa kabi, kepha yini uvukele umbuso?" Don Bosco wachaza kahle kutsi tange akhombise ngisho lelilodvwa lilanga kulwa naHulumende. Waze wachaza watsi kucaleni abenebangani kuHulumende lababemsita kulokunye. Yachubeka lengcoco waze weva Selmi. Ekugcineni watsi kasho sidzingo sakhe macondzana nemfundvo. Watsi Don Bosco, "Awu ngicelela lamathishela lenginawo kutsi bachubeke bafundze baze batfole titifiketi tabo." Wavele wamnika leyomvume, watsi futsi utakutfumela emabito abo abesumniketa sitifiketi semvume. Don Bosco wamema Selmi kutsi ayekubona lesigodlo seMkhuleko neLwati; behlukana sekungasavumi ngemva kwaloko, sebanemoya lomuhle.

Selmi wasigcina setsembiso sakhe, kepha Gatti phela naye abelwa yakakhe imphi, kutsi ngeke-bo lamathishela anenele kuhlolwa leNyuvesi ngoba kabayi onkhe emalanga etifundvweni tabo; Don Bosco watsi kakusilo liciniso lelo. Waze watsi Don Bosco, "Impela kangisatike lokufunekako; ekucaleni utsite emathishela ami akayekuhlolwa kuze batofundzisa sebaphumelele, nyalo sewala kutsi bahlolwe!" "Hho . . . , loko kwashiwo kusengakakhulunywa, sekucatjangisisiwe kabusha nyalo," kusho Gatti. Noma ngubani uyatibonela-nje kutsi yinhlitiyo lembi yodvwa ngalengkhumo. "Kufanele ngentenjani-ke manje?" kusho Don Bosco. "Letsa titifiketi tabo wena-nje kuphela ngekushesha," kusho Gatti. "Njani njengoba bate? kube nginato phela ngabe kangibaholeli." "Vala letikolwa takho wena," kusho Gatti.

Watsi Don Bosco, “Kwafonyaka titakuchubeka, kutsi emnyakeni lotako-ke kubonwe lokungentiwa.” Watsi Gatti, “Ngeyabani imvume kutsi utakuchubeka?” “NgeyeMphatsi-mfundvo. UMnumzane Selmi unginikile.” “Selmi akangeni kulendzaba!” kusho Gatti. “Kepha sewuwavumile emathishela ami kulomnyaka.” Don Bosco wamkhombisa incwadzi yemvume. Wabila Gatti watsi, “Lesilima sifanele sibekwe indzawo yaso.” Watsi Don Bosco, “Ingani nguye lesifanele sibhalele kuye kutfola timvume temfundvo kulendzawo.” Don Bosco wamshiya khona lapho lowoGatti, wayakutjela Selmi konkhe lokwentekile. Watfukutsela wafa Selmi watsi, kahambe ekhaya Don Bosco, konkhe kutakulunga.

Gatti naSelmi basukelana manje kuniphitwana ngetincwadzi, kube bothishela bakaDon Bosco bachubeka. Kutsite sebatakuhlolwa labothishela, kwefika incwadzi kuDon Bosco letsi ngeke bakungenele kuhlolwa; wehla enyuka Don Bosco abacelela. Kwasekuphumela ekutseni kaphindze emaphoyisa ayekuphenya; kwatsatsa emalanga lamabili kunyakulula tonkhe tingosi. Kwababuhlungu kabi lokutunywa ngekuphenywa. Emva kwetinsuku batjela Don Bosco kutsi ngumHloli lolowente konkhe loku ngekubhalela liTiko leKwatisa wacinisa ngekutsi leSigodlo saDon Bosco sebucili bekuketula umbuso. Ngesibindzi lesikhulu kabi wesuka Don Bosco wayakubonana na-Amati, iNdvuna yetemfundvo wafike walubeka loludzaba.

Yatsi leNdvuna, “Ngingakwentelani Mfundisi?” Watsi Bosco, “Seloku ngihlushwa tiPhatsi-mtsetfo tiloku titokuphenya leSigodlo sebafana. Ngicela kwati sizatfu ngoba ngiyayihlonipha mine iNkhosi.” INdvuna yatsi, “Ungubani wena?” Watsi, “NginguDon Bosco umfundisi weSigodlo, nalelisonfto leFrancis weSales; lengifundzisa tintsandzane letibafana.” Yatsi iNdvuna, “Ingani ngiva kutsi letikolwa takho setiphendvuke taba sigodlo sekufundzisa imphi yekuketula umbuso; kungako-ke ngitfumele lawomaphoyisa.” “Ndvuna yakoMkhulu, sekuchubeke iminyaka lemitsatfu lokukuphenywa; sekufana nekutsi ngiyabulawa kancane, kancane. Sekutsiwa labafana kabasho imicabango letako lesekujuleni kwetinhlitiyo tabo nalabakucabangako!” Iphindze itsi iNdvuna, “Hhayi-bo; kangizange ngisho njalo-ke mine.” Washo wadvumela insimbi, wacela kubonana na-Gatti nemHloli kutsi befike kuye ngekushesha-nje. Bangena,

bangatelele kutsi naDon Bosco ukhona lapha endlini ngoba phela vele kwasekumnyama. Yabuta iNdvuna kutsi, "Waba yini umphumela wekuhambela kwenu esikolweni saBosco?" Batsi, "Njengoba uwubonile lowombiko; bubi bodvwa lobentiwa lapho." "Yini lemingakusho ngalawo mathishela?" kusho iNdvuna. Batsi "Ndvuna yeNkhosi, kute sitfombe seNkhosi ngisho sinye etindlini tabo." Ngitsi mine, "Phendvulani ngekufundzisa kwebafana," kusho Amati asacasuke afile. "Wo, ucele imvume yekutsi letikolwa takhe tivulwe lomnyaka kuphela. Kepha setsemba kutsi ngeke kuvumeleke loko emtsetfweni." Bese itsi iNdvuna, "Sesingeva kuwe-ke Don Bosco."

Letitfunywa teNdvuna taphutsata lite tancutsata, betiyela kutsi timba muphi umgodzi ngoba sebanjiwe. LomHloli lowabedvumisa kangaka letikolwa kuDon Bosco emehlweni akhe lamuhla senguye futsi losahliphita asabhalela eMbusweni. Kwavele kwakhanya kutsi utiphikisa yena angakahulunyiswa-muntfu. Wetiyela kutsi utambuka ngawaphi emhlo nyalo. Gatti yena-ke washeshe wabona kutsi zimbi, wahocisa ngenkhumulo yakhe. Yatsi iNdvuna, "Khuluma sive Don Bosco." Wakubeka konkhe lokubuhlungu lokwentekako. wagcina ngelekutsi atengci ngaphansi kwatintsatfu titfombe teNkhosi endlini yinye. Wachubeka watsi, "Impela kusho kutsi Hulumende uyayengwa!" Liciniso lalingaphici kutsi ngubani lolikhulumako. INdvuna vele yamcitsa lomHloli. Ngekutfobeka waphendvukela kuDon Bosco watsi, "Bengelulekiwe kutsi ngifanele ngicaphela nangikhetsa emasekela ami; angati impela kutsi lemibiko lenjena ngawe kuyangani?" Watsi Don Bosco, "Kukhona yini tizatfu taloko?" "Nawungangisita ungeluleke Don Bosco, kumbe ngingakusita." Wamtjela Don Bosco kutsi, "Manyenti kabi emanga titsa tenkholo!" Wasutsi, "Buka-nje, lengikwentela labafana, tiboshwa, tigulane etibhedlela, kepha ngihhushwa ngulabafanele bangisite futsi bangicabangele." Enkhulumeri yabo lemmandzi, watsembisa Amati kutsi naloku aseyiNdvuna uyakuba naye amsite.

Elusizini lolungaka, kwagcina kunekuthula. Hulumende watusa imisebenti yebuntfu nekulunga nekubeketela; kusita sive lesincane nekwakha kuthula kulelove ngekwetsembeka kwakhe. Abeyati kahle lemitsetfo lemisha kutsi ifunani. Waba wekucala kutfumela emathishela nebaFundisi bayekuhlolwa. Babephumelela embili nebantfwababo lalabebabafundziswa ngulawomathishela akhe Bosco.

Kulesikhatsi senhlupheko abekhumbula emavi enina nasekhona ekutsi, "Nawenta liMisa usuke utfwala siPhambano." Wasetfwala-ke Don Bosco ngeliciniso, angasilengisi noma asihudvule, kwale noma sekulukhuni kanjani, kepha asibambe asiphakamisele etulu sibonwe nayimphumphutse. Wasisebentela kwaze kwangasali nalelilodvwa liconsana lengati kuye. Wagcina asalunyonga ngekucacamba kwematsambo emalunga kwaze kwagobana umhloto, kodvwa tange ayekele ngoba liphimbo lalisekhona. Kuvumisa kakuyekelanga, ngisho ebusuku lobunjani; abati inzuzo yaloko. Wakhula-bo lomuti, wandza bamsita nalabebanesihawu, ikakhulu Don Rua lowabeseceleni kwakhe noma nini, ngekubona kuphela kwakhe acedvwa ngumsebenti. Kutsite Dokotela watsi, "Kufanele usale sewuphumula, sewudzanga kuphumula." Watsi Don Bosco, "Kuphumula kwami kukulelitako."

KUZUZA LOKUKHULU

Ekuhlengweni kwebafana beTurin, sidzingo sabasikhulu sekuhlenga emantfombatana. Kwakumhlupha Don Bosco kanye netakhamiti taleyondzawo. Babefuna kucanjwe iNhlalngano yawo. Yonkhe lemisebentanyana yayitidalekela ingakacabangelwa ngumuntfu. Kulokuhambahamba kwaDon Bosco, wetfuka ahlangani naDon Pestarina esitimeleni, uMfundisi wesigodzi saseMornese, lowabesacale inhlangani lencanyana yemantfombatana labetimizele kusita labahluphekile futsi basebentele Nkulunkulu; hhayi kutsi babengema-Sistela.

Ekucoceni kwabo labapriste, baze befika ekujuleni kwetifiso tabo ngeliVangeli. Don Bosco wajula ekusiteni lomsebenti waDon Pestariano, nenchubekela-phambili yawo. Lenye infombatana lebeyibitwa ngekutsi nguMaria Mazzarello, lowabengenele lenhlangani kucala; wabese uyagula kabi waba nesifo sekucubuka ematfunjini, lesamudla samcedza, wasala asate emandla ekusebenta umsebenti lomatima. Watsi kumngani wakhe, "Ngeke ngisasebenta emasimini sengi-nje; ncono ngiyofundzela kutfunga kuze ngisite bantfwana labanye emphilweni yabo nemiphefumulweni." Nembala

wafundzela kubamgumtfungi. Takhamiti talapho tacala kutfumela bantfwabato kuyofundza. Kalula-nje singatsi, bebadla ndzawonye, bathantaze kanyekanye, bese-ke uyesuka-ke umsebenti endlini leyayisedvute nelisontfo. Babevakashelwa njalo nguDon Bosco lowabe sewuyakucela seluleko kuPhapha lowabavumela.

Kutsite ngelusuku IwaFrancis weSales loCwebile, ahlangana lawomantfombatana langemashumi lamabili nesiKhombisa ase atikhetsela umholi wawo longuMaria Mazzarello, lowakhetfwa linyenti. Kwakudzingeke babenelibito labo nabo phela, kodvwa Don Bosco abesanalo yena engcondvweni yakhe — lelalikutsi Tintfombi letisitwa ngumSiti wemaKhristu. Emva kweminyaka leyimfica wabasusa wabayisa eNizza Monferrato kutsi bayosita emantfombatana njengoba emaSalesian asita bafana. Benta tindzawo tekugcina bantfwana kusukela etinswaneni kuye ngekuya njalonjalo; bakha netindlu tetimvuselelo talabasha. Kwakukhona nalapho kutsi ngesikhatsi semaholideyi bayofundziswa leminye imisebenti ngaphandle kwalena yekusita etiMishini tebaFundisi bemaSalesian. Phela khona babehlanta tingubo, batichibele bapheke, balungise netindlini. Babefika basite ngalemisebenti. Bahamba nemaSalesian nakaya eMelika bawasita etiMishini tabo. Emva kwesikhatsi babuyela eTurin esigodlweni sabo lesikhulu, sisedvute kulesemaSalesian. Nasesibuka lenchubo lengaka, kuhle sibukete emuva lapho Don Bosco asalwela kutsi leNhlangano yemaSalesian ibekhona. Yeka bumatima lahlangana nabo!

Kutsite emashumini lasitfupha eminyaka asebenta matima, asebentela bantfu, nawe bewungacabanga kutsi sale asaphumula, kepha yena achubeke nawo umsebenti. Akhula lamabandla lamabili acishe agcwala umhlaba wonkhe, bonkhe basebentela injongo yinye njengesifiso sakhe Don Bosco sekusita imiphfumulo. Kungesiko loko kuphela, emva kweminyaka lengemashumi lamabili, kwefika lomunye webapriste bakhe bekucala. Wakhandza Don Bosco eme embikwemfanekiso labesandza kuwuphanyeka. Watsi, “Ngubani lona?” Watsi Don Bosco, “NguGabriel Perboyre, umFelukholo eShayina.” Bema bobabili embikwemfanekiso bathulile, Wasutsi Bosco: “Kube nginebapriste labalishumi nambili, ngabe siyakhona kulenzawo.”

Kumbe kwakunguye lomfana labesita John Cagliero ngesikhatsi sesibhadalala, nangesikhatsi semsheko lomkhulu, ngoba yena abenesibindzi. Kungahle kube nguye lomfundzi John Cagliero lobe ngaphansi kwekufa ngemnyaka waka 1854, umnyaka wekubhedvuka kwesifo sesibhadalala semsheko lomkhulu eTurin. Bekangulomunye wetisebenti teNkhosi labesita kulabo lababehlatjwe ngulesifo; kuhlatjwa kwakhe ngulesifo semsheko kwaba ngumphumela wemisebenti yakhe. Dokotela watjela Don Bosco kutsi kute langahle amsite ngako lomfana. Wesuka Don Bosco watsi, "John ufisa kuphila noma kuya eZulwini?" yena waphendvula watsi, "Ngifuna kutiyela eZulwini." "Cha, ngeke ufe, umSiti wemaKhristu utakukusindzisa; uyakuba ngumPriste ngalelinye lilanga uyakuya khashane uyosebentela Nkulunkulu khona."

Don Bosco abenekumangala nakabona lingemuso — kuletintfo latibonako asaphila. Kwatsi emveni kweminyaka letsite kwakhatsi akuvuma konkhe lalabekuboniswa. Kulombhedze wemfana labegula kuwo, wabona lituba liphete ligala le-olive, langena landizela etikwembhedze lapho kwakulele lowomfana lowabegula. Emva kwaloko kwachamuka emaNdiya laneticu tebusotja; abecatsa ngemtimba. Lelinye lalimnyama lelinye libovu. Lelelibovu lagobondzela embhedzeni wemfana logulako shengatsi lihosha umphefumulo nase uphuma. Kwatsi nakubusiswa John Cagliero agcotjwa bu-Bhishobhi, lelotuba latsela tibusiso letinyenti, kantsi lawomasotja wona-ke aba timvu takhe. Lokusho kutsi aba nge-makholwa leluswe nguJohn Cagliero.

Emva kweminyaka lelishumi nesitfupha kulamaphupho akhe lamangalisako waboniswa kungatsi usehlane lelesabekako litungeletwe tintsaba letinkhulu kabi. Lenzawo yayiyinhle kepha bantfu bayo kutilwane. Bebahamba ngcunu lapha ngetulu bavunule kuphela langentasi. Wababona labanye badlala kugijima, labanye balwa badzakatana ngemikhwa kuntfontsa ingati, kulenga tidlephu tenyama kulemikhwa; bebalwa nalabamhlophe. Kutsite asakubonile loko, kwachamuka licembu lelinye, bona wabetayela lobuso babo, kwakubapriste. Bakhuluma nalabantfu balelolive. Kwakungema-Ndiya lalabovu. Ekukhulumeni kwabo nalabantfu, kwabe babetfukile, babesukela babageca, bababulala njengetimphisi. Kutsite Don Bosco asacabanga kutsi bangaphendvulwa njani

labantfu, kwasekuchamuka lelinye licembu alati nalo, leta-yelekile emehlweni akhe. KwakungemaSalesian. Watsi nakatsi uyakubanjela kutsi bancandzeke ngoba batakubabulala njengalelicembu lekucala; wababona bakhuluma nabo, kepha batfoba babalalela kulemfundziso yabo lababachazela yona. Babeka tikhali tabo phasi. Lababantfu labebasabeka bangafuni kutsintfwa lutfo, bacala kusondzela dvute neti-Mishini tebaFundisi batakhela emaceleni. Balalela timfundziso nemithantazo, kakhulukati kuthantaza liRosali. Babehlabelela nematiculo lasebawafundzisiwe kwakute kudvume lisontfo kubemmandzi kutsi chu! Don Bosco waphaphanyiswa ngulobunandzi bekuhlabelela, kodvwa watikhandza solo alele kulowo-mbhedze wakhe. Watsi nakaphaphama atibona akhona lapho watsi, “Ngiyati kutsi lamadvodza lalandzelako kwetenkholo ayakuba tiTfunywa letiyakuya emaveni lakhashane; kodvwa umbuzo wawumunye wekutsi kambe bona lalabadzinga kushunyayelwa bobani?”

Imphendvulo yefika ngemnyaka waka 1874, lapho um-Bhishobhi weBuenos Aires nakatsi kayekushumayela tive letiseNingizimu-Melika, letatingabone tive nakancane nga-Nkulunkulu. Wasuyabona-ke kutsi naba labantfu lababona ephushweni lakhe.

John Cagliero lijaha lalitsatsa eCastelnuovo layakuhlala naye embutfweni webafana bakhe; watimiselela ngelutsandvo kusebentela Nkulunkulu. Kwatsi noma asafundzile emehlweni aDon Bosco, wakutsandza kuba sikhonti semDali wakhe.

Wagcina agcotjwe buBhishobhi esontfweni lelikhulu la-Maria umSiti wemaKhristu. Nakucedvwa kutsi agcotjwe, umuntfu wekucala labonana naye nguNina lowabesamdzala aneminyaka lengemashumi lasiphohlango, njengenina wa-Don Bosco. Akazange abonakale uNina ngekugonwa yindvodzana lesikhulile ilaph’otulu, agcotjwe ngeluphawu lwebu-Khosi beZulu. Cagliero wasuphendvukela kuDon Bosco labemele naye ametfulele sigcoko ngoba asamkhulu. Tandla takhe Cagliero letatinendandatho leyiNgcwele atifihle ngemuva timbonye nguletembatfo takhe; akafunanga ngisho uNina ayange. UYise nendvodzana sebgacene, kwehla tinyembeti tekujabula kuBosco, kepha Cagliero akamnikanga sikhatsi sekwanga leyondandatho. LomBhishobhi lomusha nguye phela lowakhetselwa kuhola tiTfunywa temaSalesian

letabe tilishumi, nalamanye emadvodza eliBandla kuyekugucula live lelilinganiswa ngalokuphindvwe kabili kweFulansi neBelgium, Tikhatsi tonkhe babenaDon Bosco bagcwele inshisekelo, wehla waya nabo eGenoa wahlala nabo waze wahamba umkhumbi sewuhamba nabo.

Watsi Don Bosco, "Ningacabangi lutfo, kuphela imiphefumulo. Nibenemusa kubantfwana nakulabagulako, kulabagugile nalabahluphekile. Nente kulunga njengalabaniphetse. Netsembe liSakramente leliNgcwele-Cwe, neNtfombi le-Busisiwe; nitame lokusemandleni enu; lokunye nikubeke kuy'umDali wetintfo tonkhe." Tandza tiTfunywa tebaFundisi; kodvwa tatitfolo bufukhuni kulowomsebenti wato. Titsikameto netivimbelo kubantfu labangemacaba nalabaluhlata, tancobeka. Kwakusive semaNdiya lalabovu lesabekako imvelo yabo; babete umusa ngisho nakancane-nje. Emva kweminyaka lengemashumi lamabili iPatagonia (ligama lendzawo) yase isindzisiwe seyinebantfwana beNkhosi Khristu; nebapriste sebahlala khona sebanemiti yabo leyiNgcwele. Kwandza nakhona kusita ebandleni ngemoya lomuhle, nje-ngaletindzawo, Magellan, Pampa nePatagonia.

Kutsite ngemnyaka wa-1883 naDon Bosco abeseFulansi, wakhulumela lendzawo yePatagonia. Bekakhuluma nemalunga enhlngano yetifundvo temhlaba. Wasichaza lesosidzingo ngekuhlakanipha lokukhulu, baze bambuta kutsi uyati ngani lendzawo ngoba akazange ahlale kuyo. Wentu shengatsi unekungabata kancane kepha wacina asatsite, "Kepha loku lenginitjela kona kuliciniso." Bakwenta loko lalakucela.

Kwasekusikhatsi sekuchazeka kwemaphupho akhe-ke manje, ngoba phela letotifunywa tasetifuna kuchubekela embili, setiya eShayina emkhatsini wemhlaba kulabangazange babone lukholo. Ngemnyaka wa-1895, emaSalesian ahamba nemBhishobhi wawo, akha sigodlo lesikhulu kuletitindzawo, eMendez naseGualaquiza. Emva kweminyaka, basebatfungulute ekhatsi impela neBrazil kulabebangakamati Nkulunkulu ngempela lawomaNdiya. Emva kweminyaka lengemashumi lamabili, basebenta ebumatimeni nebulukhuni, kodvwa baphumelela nemBhishophi wabo Cagliero lowabengumholi. Balandzelwa ngulabanye baPhostoli njengario Rio Negro. Kungakapheli iminyaka lelishumi befike eParaguay lapho emaJesuwite bekente umsebenti lomuhle noko bese ubulewe.

Kubukeka shengatsi lokwandza kweli Vangeli kuma Ndiya kwakungumsebenti lomkhulu lowentiwa ngema Salesian, ngoba wawumatima kakhulu kube futsi wawudingekile kulabobantfu. Letinye tive tatinco be kuphela ngekulwa imphitingenandzaba nanemiphefumulo yalabo labehlulwe. Kwakute ngisho lusito lwekubaphucula ngaphandle kwalokwentiwa ngema Jesuwite, labese abulawa kabuhlungu, babahlupha kalukhuni kabi futsi bahlushelwa lukholo. Lawoma Jesuwite bawakhweshisa kancane, kancane; baze babemuka netindzawo tabo tekuhlala lasebatihlumisele. Bemukwa yimphi lesibancobile ema Ndiya, kepha abengenandzaba ngekutsi babaphucule; kantsi emva kwekwehlulwa kwabo bekufanele badvudvutwe ngekwekukholwa. Ngemnyaka wa-1911 ema Salesian acelwa kutsi aye eKatango eveni leBelgium Congo, (Zaire) sebacelwa nguHulumende. Titselo temisebenti yabo takhula taze tagcwala tefika eLuapula.

Kwasekusele iShayina-ke nyalo emaphushweni aDon Bosco; ngemnyaka wa-1920 umNdlunkhulu wefika eShiu Chou ekhatsi neShayina. Baya ngekuchubeka tindzawo ngetindzawo. Lalabesuka balishumi kuya ePatagonia basebakhule ngebantfu labatinkhulungwane letimbili sekubalelwe nemaKhosatana, labetimanyanise kumSiti wemaKhristu; bangenele lenhlangano yemaSalesian. Emva kweminyaka lemine umNdlunkhulu wetenkhulo usandza kuphakanyiswa wase uyafa Don Bosco; kodvwa konkhe loko abekutjengiswe emaphushweni akhe kwasekugcwalisekile. Watsi, "Naso-ke sivuno semaSalesian, sasibekelwe bona kutsi bayekusivuna." Don Bosco ngulasitjelwa nakatjengiswa ephushweni, kutsi kwakugcwele bantfu labangamati Nkulunkulu eMelika. Emva kweminyaka lemitsatfu, yaphendvuka iMelika yabanelusito njengekuboniswa kwakhe emaphushweni ekucala, aboniswa nge-Afrika neShayina. Lapho emadvodzana akhe ayakutfunguluta khona anesipho seliVangeli. Watsi laph'ephushweni lakhe Don Bosco, "Letinsimu tinkhulu kabi." Abesho ngoba ati buphuya labebakubo nalelicembu lakhe lelukholo. Yatsi imphendvulo kuDon Bosco, "Cha, akuyikuba nguwe nalamadvodzana lonawo nyalo, kepha kuyakuba sizukulwane lesiyakufika, sicedzele lomsebenti." Abemdvudvuta lamaphupho Bosco, kepha yinye intfo leyabayinjabulo lenkhulu kuye yekuva kutsi John Cagliero abesetakubuya emuva ekhaya ngekulimala kwakhe awe aphuke timbambo letimbili. Abesahambe iminyaka lelishumi-nantsatfu ekhaya; hhayi kutsi

abeyedvwa abenalabanye phela. Kwatsi asalindzele Don Bosco weva kuvuleka umnyango, wangena Cagliari; emva kwakhe kwangena intfombatana imlandzela ngemuva iyeli-Ndiya. Yafike yaguca etinyaweni taDon Bosco, yambukisisa sikhashana yase itisi "Mfundisi ngeswele imilomo yekubonga kutsi uze utfumele letiTfunywa takho eveni lakitsi tiye kusindzisa umphefumulo wami kanye nesive sakitsi. Wawu-utfumele bantfu labanesibindzi futsi banelutsandvo kuwo-wonkhe umuntfu." Wajabula kabi Don Bosco kuva ngaleti-Tfunywa takhe kutsi nempela tatiye kusebentela imiphefumulo, hhayi kubuka eceleni.

Phela Cagliari watsi nakawako alimala, weva livi kushengatsi litsi: "Hamba ubuyele ekhaya uyakuba naDon Bosco ekufeni kwakhe." Wamangala kutsi kambe kushoni loku?

Ngemnyaka asengakafi Don Bosco, kodvwa abesagugile noko, waya eSpain ngemnyaka wa-1886. Kwemukeleka kwakhe kwababateka njengekweNkhosi. Bantfu babegcwele njenganakefika eFulansi. Babetele kuva tinshumayelo takhe, tindvudvuto nekudvumisa ngeNkhosikati yeliZulu. Kulesi-vakashii sabo; babelwa babange kuyofinyelela edvula naye, bafene kutsintsisa ingubo yakhe, nekutsi bange sandla sakhe. Bekungakhatsalekile kutsi ungsiphi sigaba nasufikile kuDon Bosco ngoba wawuhamba wehlile noma bewutikhukhumete kangakanani, uhambe udvudvutekile nangabe ungulodzabukile. Imigwaco yayigcwele umangala! Bonkhe batele tiBusiso taBosco. Bamtungeletisa tindzawo letitsite labebafuna atibone atibusise. Base batsi akeme etulu, embonisweni kute abusise bonkhe labebamile etitaladini. Bebaloku baphindzaphindza kubuyela kulokuBusiswa. Kwakukhona intfombatana leyayilunyonga, ishwaphene sandla futsi; bayiletsa kuDon Bosco kutsi ayibusise. Watsi Don Bosco, "Hambahamba wahamba wabuya wavala nesandla langatange asisebentise seloku abakhona. Lenkhosikati nebantfwabayo labatsafu baya kuDon Bosco kuyocela letinyenti tiBusiso takhe kutsi babe nelukholo lolwetsembekile eNkhosini yabo. Wababukisisa sikhatsi wasutsi abhekisa emehlo akhe eZulwini, "Lababafana lababili labakhulu batakuba baFundisi, lomntfwana lomncane-ke yena uyakuba ngewami, acondze kutsi uyakuba wemhlangano wemaSalesian, nange mpela kwabanjalo ngemnyaka waka 1900. Bomnakabo besebanesikhatsi babapriste.

Ngemnyaka wa-1887, Don Bosco waya eRoma naku-busiswa lisontfo leNhlitiyo leyiNgcwele lelekwatsiwa kalichube lize liphele, sekwehlulekiwe kutsi kuphele. LeloMisa lakilidze kakhulu, yena Don Bosco abeshumayela aze ehlise tinyembeti tenjabulo ngekutsi selize laphela njengesifiso sa-Phapha. Walentela engosini liMisa; lakubekwe khona umfanekiso weNkhosikati leBusisiwe, kuliLathi layo. Mabhalane waDon Bosco watsi nakambona akhala wambuta kutsi, “Kepha sewukhalelani ngoba wasebenta buhle lobungaka! Yaze yaphela leyonkonzo.” Watsi yena, “Kungoba kwaba liphupho lami lekucala lengaliphupha ngitjengiswa ngalelisontfo. Labobafana lababonakala batilwane bakhuluma tinhlamba; baze babatimvu ngekulungiswa yiNkhosikati yeliZulu ne-Melusikati. “Kwabangumyaletso loyo kimi.” Waphindze watsi futsi, “Kufanele ngibekhute ngemusa nangekutiffo.” Lawomavi ahlala anconcotsa kuDon Bosco. Yatsi leNkhosikati, “Uyakukwati ngalinye lilanga, kugcine engcondvweni bukhulu bukaNkulunkulu.” Kwasekuphele iminyaka lengemashumi lasitfupha kukhatsi akubona lolokwashiwo ngulowo-Melusikati.

Don Bosco abengasahambi njengalophilako umuntu, kodvwa abesahamba abanjiwe ngemkhono ngulomunye wemadvodzana akhe lowabenguMabhalane; kepha inhlitiyo nelutsandvo lwaluloku lulusha, atsandza kutsi emadvodzana akhe abonisise kutsi ucondzeni, nekutsi utsandzani. Ababatsandza kakhulu nanabo. Watsi nakababhalela aseRoma watsi, “Niyati yini lenginicelela kona? Kutsi nente njengoba nginifundzisile.” Ngalesinye sikhatsi niyakwati nibone kutsi loku kushokutsini kuba ngemaSalesian. Nginitjela kutsi umfanona noma lijaha nalifika endlini yetfu, iNkhosikati lengumSiti wemaKhristu bese iyomkhoselisa. Injabulo lenkhulu kutsi netsembekile; sikhatsi siyasondzela kutsi nginishiye ngiye ebukhosini bami baPhakadze.

Ngemnyaka wa-1887 emva kwemvuselelo latimisela kuya kuyo noma asate emandla wakhuluma emavi labe ekuvalelisa, kodvwa abawevanga kahle ngekutsi babedzinge kutsi achasiswe. Batsi labobafana, “Njengoba lemfundvo lephakeme yekufundzela buFundisi seyilapha, sesitakukubona njalonjalo kuze useluleke etidzingweni tetfu.” Watsi yena, “Yebo ngiyakuba nani, ngibe lidfoti lenu.” Wasubuka etulu etitebhisini letehlalako tize tifike ebaleni. Emva kwetinyanga

letine lidliza lakhe labakuleyondzawo abekhuluma eme kuyo. Lenhlangano yemaSalesian yase ibalelwa emashumini lamatsatfu nesiphohlango imiti yawo e-Europe, kwatsi eMelika yayingemashumi lamabili nesitfupha. Ngemuso kwa-bakhona labahliselwa sibonelo saDon Bosco baba bane, babili babesive semaPholishi, munye bekaliNgisi nemFulentji. Asengakahambi emhlabeni Bosco, wavakashela emtini weti-Nkhosatana letabeticoshwe ngulalabalwa nemakholwa. Kutsite emva kwesikhatsi babuyela emuva eValsalice njengekupholofetha kwakhe Don Bosco. Befikisana neMkhosi walelosontfo lemSiti wemaKhristu; nabo-ke batinikela kuyo leNkhosikati leBusisiwe, kutsi nalowo-muti wabo wawulondvolotwe ngiyo.

Emva kwenyanga abengasakwati kwenta liMisa ngisho naseSontfweni sekulukhuni kutsi atentele yena endlini yemi-Khuleko. Kwatsi ngenyanga yaKhisimusi kwafanela kutsi abusise tincumbi letatihamba tiya eQuito. Abehamba ayeme kuMabhalane wakhe. Kwatsi John Cagliero lowabe asahamba sikhatsi lesidze, wawa wephula timbambo letimbili; abevakashela tigodzi labebasebenta kuto lalabebahola. Kwaba yingoti lembi kabi leyo; kwakufanele kutsi imbulale afe khona lapho. Kutsite akulobo-buhlungu, weva shengatsi kukhuluma livi lelatsi: "Hamba ubuyele ekhaya uyokuba naDon Bosco nakasafa." Kwenteka-ke nempela kutsi abuyele emuva ekhaya labo. Kwaba yinjabulo lenkhulu kabi umndeni usundzawonye futsi.

Iminyaka lengemashumi lamane abeloku abanika tibusiso, abadvudvuta, abeluleka labo labebeta kuye badzinge teluleko takhe. Kepha wawufike umangale lamavi lamnandzi ekweluleka lasaphuma kulelo-phimbo losubona nawe kutsi, hhawu — sekute-bo; kepha abengakawuyekeli yena umsebenti wakhe. Noma kunjalo-njeke nawe lucobo wawungeke uvume kuncandvwa sewufikile, ngisho sewubona kutsi lomuntfu ugula njani! Wawuvele nawe ufuhleketele ufuna sibusiso sakhe nelivi-nje leliphuma emlonyeni wakhe bese liyelapha. Phezu kwaloko kungaphili kwakhe abengakayekeli kuvumisa kuze kube sebusuku; kodvwa asakwenta kabili ngeliviki, kodvwa basebamalela lalabanye bapriste ngekutsi bayamvela ngoba nabo bangafuni kutsi abashiye, imphilo yakhe yase incengwa. Kutsite ngalelinye lilanga kwefika lijaha lelabe lifundze kuye, sebehlukana iminyaka lengemashumi

lamatsatfu bagcinana, lacela kutovuma kuye. Kepha lomunye umpriste bekangatsandzi kahle, ngoba livi laBosco laseli-hoshota, noko waya kumtjela. Abelindzele lompriste kuva atsi Bosco akanakwati kutsi akhulume naye; kepha Don Bosco watsi katjelwe kutsi angene, sekwekugcina awenta lomsebenti lonje. Vele abesacinisile kwasekutinsuku tekugcina leto.

Kwakute lokwasekusemcondvweni wakhe ngaphandle kwetiMishini. Watsi kumBhishobhi Cagliero, "Ute ubatjele bonkhe kutsi nibemoya-munye, nisebente ngekuvana khona konkhe kuyakunilungela nitfole netibusiso eNkhosikadini. Utjele sibanibani nasibanibani bangatikhohlwa tiMishini kuze nami ngingetukubakhohlwa kubanika tibusiso. Lokunye abesekukhuluma ngemcondvo loluvitsi kodvwa kube kungiko njengekutsi bangakhohlwa kutsi baze befike e-Afrika kulolonkhe; bachubekele ne-Asia neMongolia bayembili futsi. YiNkhosikati leyakwenta kutsi tive letesabekako naletinelulaka tititfole tiphendvuke. Waphindze wamyaleta watsi, "Nihlenge imiphefumulo leminyenti."

Lenhlangano yebaSiti bemaSalesian yabunjwa nga-1876 nguye phela Don Bosco ngenkhutsato lenkhulu. Bantfu beliBandla, emakhosikati nemadvodza labo labebaneluvelo ekusiteni. Yacanjwa ligama lekutsi luBanjiswano lokusebenta ngebunye. Lenhlangano yenta imisebenti lebengacishe yendlu-le bapriste. Bacala-ke manje kutsi bonkhe bantfu babone sidzingo sekuba naDon Bosco. Kute lowabengathantazi kucefela Don Bosco kutsi asafane abenabo sikhatsi. Yena kodvwa abesatimisele kuhamba, ngoba abebuta kubodokotela lalabebamelapha kutsi kukhona sifo yini? Batsi bona, "Kute sifo kuphela lokudzingekile kuwe kutsi ube nesikhatsi sekuphumula lesinyenti," kube loko angakufuni nani kutsi akuve kushiwo kuye, kantsi kulabanye yena abekusho.

Kulabebatakumbona abacela kutsi bahlenge umphefumulo wakhe. Kwate kwababata umBhishobhi Alimonda kwekutsi kakwesabi kufa! Ingani kulabanye yena abebasedvute nabo kubadvudvuta, abakhokhele baze bafe! "Yebo Mkhulukazi, bengisho kulabanye nyalo-ke nami sengidzinga kube bangisite ngemikhuleko yabo." Ngenyanga yeNgongoni natitintsatfu wemukeliswa liSakramente lalabagulako. Watsi, "Ngi-thantaziseni sengemukela iNkhosi Yami, futsi nami ngiyemu-kele ngoba nemcondvo wami sewuluvitsi."

UmBhishobhi Cagliero atakumemukelisa, wehluleka kutibamba tinyembeti. Kodvwa kwakutsi angathulela akhulume kahle-nje intfo lenemcondvo, ikakhulu ngentfutfuko nenshi-sekelo ngeliBandla. Kwakumangalisa labanyenti nakamama-tseka kodvwa kube asetinhlungwini. Kutsite kulesinye sikhatsi wababuta kutsi “Ngubani lowati lakutsengiswa khona emaphaphu ngoba lelakhe alisasebenti kahle.” Batsi nabambuta kutsi ushoni? watsi yena, “Sengifane ngikhulume-nje,” bona bacabanga kutsi mhlaimbe bayamhlupha ngalokumcacamisa nemibhedze. Emavi akhe abe ekuyala kuphela-nje nekutsi-ke abajabulise ngetinkhulumo letimnandzi noma abesha kangaka! Kutsite sekumatima watsi, “Nisite nitjele labobafana kutsi bemukele sonkhe sikhatsi nekutinikela eNkhosikatini lengumSiti wemaKhristu, sengiyakubamelela embusweni waPhakadze. Watsi kumabhalane wakhe, “Nakufika umuntu sengithulile, ningibambise sandla sami nente Siphambano sekumbusisa, ngiyati kutsi ngiyakwenta sibomu sekumsita.”

Bapriste bagwala manje ngembhedzeni wakhe, seba-beke Siphambano esifubeni, nengubo lemhlophe etinyaweni; vele noma ngubani abesabona kutsi sewuyahamba. Kwakwendlula ngamunye ange sandla sakhe lesasesishwaphene sesisincane. UmBhishobhi Cagliero watsi, “Don Bosco, silapha sonkhe tsine madvodzana akho. Kuze sibone kutsi uyasicolela sinike sibusiso sakho. Ngitakubamba sandla sakho sente Siphambano sesibusiso.” Nempela baguca bonkhe kwemukela lesosibusiso saDon Bosco sekugcina; tinhlitiyo tabo tigcwele umunyu nelusizi lwekushiywa ngumngani wabo. Wasibamba sandla sakhe lesasesigebetela; wativa naye asafikelwa lusizi lolukhulu, weva asathantaze watsi, “Jesu, Maria, Joseph, ngiyaninikela inhlitiyo nemphefumulo wami.” Emva kweli-awa lesine nesigamu, waphangalala. Tatingemashumi lamatsatfu iNdlovana (Feb) emnyakeni waka-1888, naka-bhubhako. Abemphofu emoyeni, nekufeni. Lesosigodlo sasinemakhulu lasiphohlongo sebantfu, bonkhe badzinge kondliwa. Mhla abhubha kwakufanele kuyocelwa tinkhwa tekubapha kudla kwekuseni; nakhona kuyekucelwa ngesi-kweledi kumbhaki.

KWANDZA KWEMSEBENTI

Don Bosco bamngcwaba endzaweni labetikhombele yona etinyangeni letine ngaphambi kwekufa. Sebambekile ethuneni lakhe, umBhishobhi Cagliero wakhuluma watsi, "Njengoba emakholwa akadzeni abetfolo emandla ekuncoba emathuneni ebaFelukholo, kanjalo nebantfu bayakuta kulelidliza kutotfolo emandla ekuchuba umsebenti waNkulunkulu nelisasa lekuchubeka kutotonkhe tintfo letiphatselene nembenti welukholo.

Don Bosco njengoba sesivile abefile ngenyama kodvwa aphila ngekwemoya. Loko sikusho ngoba umsebenti wakhe uyaphila nalamuhla. Emva kweminyaka lengemashumi lamabili afile, Phapha Pius welishumi wamphakamisa waba nguloCwebile ngemnyaka waka-1929, ngePhasika lemnyaka wa-1934. Kwakuhlangene tinkhulungwane tebantfu baphuma etindzaweni tonkhe emhlabeni mhla Don Bosco entiwa Santi esontfweni lelikhulu iSanti Peter eRoma.

Don Bosco umsebenti wakhe uyachubeka njengoba sishito nanjengoba asho yena atsi: "Philani imphilo yebukhristu njengoba siyiphila nanjengoba sayifundziswa." Lutsandvo lwaDon Bosco lweMsindisi lwaphendvuka kuye lwaba lutsandvo lwemiphefumulo. Lolutsandvo luphendvuka lube yindlalifa yabo labatfolo lusito nabakholwa kuMaria longumSiti wema Khristu. NguNkulunkulu lucobo lowasinika Maria njengemSiti wemaKhristu emhlabeni jikelele.

Ngalololusuku lokwentiwa Santi kwaDon Bosco, li-Bandla latfwesa Don Bosco umchele lowawungakavami kutfolwa bantfukatana njengemfana weBecchi labengasobe anakwa ngumuntfu emisebentini yakhe. Umsebenti waNkulunkulu unjalo-ke. Kuwo umuntfu katiphakamisi uyaphakanyiswa. Kulowo-mKhosi kwakukhona neNkhosana yebukhosi beTaliyane imele buKhosi bakhona. Kubalulekile kube kuvele ebaleni kutsi Don Bosco waba ngumhlanganisi webuKhatholika nembuso weTaliyane ngetikhatsi letimbi, lapho umbuso wawuphambene nakokonkhe lokwakuphatselene nelukholo lwebuKhatholika.

Kwakufanele ngempela kube nenhlango lenkhulu kangaka eHlalankhosi leRoma lapho kwakunetiKhulu teli-Bandla netembuso nalapho kwakukhona sitatanyiswa lesinjanga — Count-de-Vecchi lesaphetsa inkhulumo yaso ngekutsi “Lenye yetintfo letibufakazi yemisebenti yaDon Bosco, kukholelwa kwakhe emthantazweni — sifundvo; umhlaba losafanele kusifundza lamhla-nje.” Lesitatanyiswa sasikusho loku macondzana nembenti waDon Bosco wekwakha buhlobo nekutselelana emanti ekhatsi kweliBandla neMbuso.

Kuyoyonkhe indzaba yemphilo taDon Bosco sihlango njalo-nje nemibono nemaphupho. Ngaphambilini esikhatsini lesilinganisela eminyakeni lengemashumi lasikhombisa nesihlanu Don Bosco waya-ke atitfole andiza etikwelve le-Latin Amerika, ahamba nalomunye amkhombisa leyondzawo leyayinemcebo lomangalisako longakaze utsintfwe ngumunfu. Loluhambo lwacala indlela lendze yemadvodzana aDon Bosco langemaSalesian labebatokuwenta emaSalesian.

Lomholi wakhe lofihlakele wakhombisa Don Bosco umugca eMephini lowawusuka eValparaiso wece uye utsintse ekhatsi kwele-Afrika, wecele eCalcutta, neHong Kong, nePekin. Wasutsi-ke lomHoli: “Kulomugca kuyakuba khona imiphakatsi lelishumi yemaSalesian.” Kulapho-ke Don Bosco ehluleka kutibamba afuna kwati kabanti. Watsi, “Nakuphi futsi? NeBoston?? Sitakuya nini eBoston?”

Lowo-ke abehamba naye angafuni kufihla nekuwugwema lowombuzo watsi: “Wota ngikukhombise imphumetelo lelidzele umhlango waFrancis weSales. Khwela etikwalelidvwala kuze utibonele ngekwakho.” Asasetikwalelodvwala Don Bosco wabona inkhangala lengenamkhawulo ihanjwa ngemaSalesian alandzelwa bafana nemantfombatana, nebantfu labanyenti. Kuletoticuku tebantfu wabona nalabanye labatiko nelinyenti lebantfu langabati. Wachubeka watsi: “Utsi abakasilindzeli eBoston na?” Lolabehamba naye wamphendvula watsi: “Mani-nje kancane utakuyibona lentfo lengikukhombisa ngayo emva kwesikhashana lesincane.”

Lamuhla-nje lelophupho seliyabonakala. Emhlabeni wonkhe kukhona tiMishini letingetulu kwetinkhulunkwane

nemakhulu lamane lekukhona emashumi lamabili nambili emaSalesian latfwele imisebenti yekusindzisa imiphefumulo yebafana — umsebenti lowacalwa ngu-Don Bosco ngemnyaka wa-1841 endzaweni yeTurin eTaliyane.

Nekuba Don Bosco angatange antante emikhunjini leshashabulako iwela Lwandle, yena-ke wacina-nje nge-kutfumela emadvodzana akhe kumave ngemave. Kungako-ke nje sifiso nenshisekelo yakhe yafezeka eveni le-Afrika.

Inshisekelo yaDon Bosco nge-Afrika ivakala enkhulumeni yakhe layenta ngemnyaka wa-1887 ngaphambi kwekutsi afe. Watsi, “Kube bengisemncane bengingahamba na-Don Rua, ngitsi kuye, wota siye eKoloni, eNigeria, eKhartoum, eCairo” Ngesibindzi lesasimangalisa wandza lomsebenti wemaSalesian eveni lalabaNsundvu (e-Afrika) sewuchutjwa nguDon Rua lowatsatsa kuba ngumHoli lomkhulu emva kwaDon Bosco kuleNhlanguano. Kodwa-ke kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka waka-1896 kucala kufika kweti-Tfunywa temaSalesian eKoloni.

Emlandvweni wencwajana leyakhishwa ngemnyaka waka-1896 enyangeni yeLweti (Nov.) yayichaza kahle kakhulu ngemalungiselelo eluhambo lwabo nabaya eKoloni. Tatingemashumi lamatsatfu nalunye enyangeni yeMphala (Oct.) kulusuku lolwalandvulela lusuku lwalabaCwebile bonkhe, ngemnyaka waka-1896 nakukhishwa tiffunywa tekucala temaSalesian. Nasikhumbula kahle emuva kutsi kwatsi nakukhishwa emaSistela langemashumi lamabili kanye beba-priste labangemashumi lamatsatfu nebashumayeli, bebesuka eTurin esontfweni lemSiti wemaKhristu, kwakungalo lolusuku kuyo iMphala; kwatsiwa baye ePatagonia, e-Argentine, eVenezuela, eColombia, eMelika, ePalestine, eNyakatfo neNshonalanga-Afrika.

Kubata, kuhlanguanisa tincwadzi nekutishicilela ngemshini, kwakha ticatfulo nekutifunga kwakuyimisebenti leyayifundziswa kulesikolwa semaSalesian. Bunjinela base buyayekelwa kwachutjekwa nemsebenti wekwakha ticatfulo. Liningi lebantwana bebatintsandzane futsi bonkhe batimphuya.

Ngalesikhatsi yadvuma lendzawo yekufundzela yema-Salesian ngemsebenti wekusita bafana labandzindzako bange-nalutfo. Masinyane kwasekuvumbuka labatinikela ngekusita nekucoca timali, kwasekuba yintfo lechubekako kuze kube ngulamuhla.

Mhla tingemashumi lamabili nakune ngenyanga yeNdlo-vana (Feb.) ngemnyaka wa-1924, bapriste lababili bema-Salesian boMfundisi Tozzi naPappalardo befika eClermont eKoloni kutocala sisekelo sesibili. Kwakusikolwa sekulima lesachubeka kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wa-1945. Lesigodzi sabe sesiphawulwa ngekutsi yindzawo yekwakha, kwase kusho kutsi kulima kungabe kusachubeka.

EDaleside emaSalesian anelipulazi lelikhulu. Kulo ku-khona imiti leminyenti yebantfu labansundvu. Kunesikolwa lesincane sebantfu lesibitwa ngekutsi iDon Rua bese kuba nesikolwa lesikhulu lesibitwa ngekutsi i-St. John Bosco College. Kukhona tifundza temasontfo eDaleside, eNtilasifani, eGrasmere neRobertsham.

UMfundisi Frederick J. Stubbings wabhala incwadzi yekucala mhla tingemashumi lamabili-naNe kuKholwane (July), 1951 ngeluhambo lwakhe nakaya eSwatini (kaNgwane) ayibhalele umPhatsi lomkhulu, uMfundisi F. V. Couche. Lencwadzi icuketse imininingwane yesicelo lesentiwa ngum-Bhishobhi longasekho Barneschi O.S.M., lesimati tsine nge-kutsi nguLungcwazi. Abesamele emaSalesian kutsi atfole lilungelo lekubanesikolwa semaKhatholika lesiphakeme, lapha eSwatini.

Ngenshisekelo lenkhulu umBhishobhi wacabangela liku-sasa ngekwakha indlu letitezi letintsatfu. Ngaphambi kwe-kuba kuvunyelwane kwaba khona kucocisana phakatsi kwe-Mfundisi Stubbings nema Salesian aphesheya nemBhishobhi Barneschi kanye nenhlangano yebapriste lebitwa ngekutsi tiKhonti takaMaria. Incwadzi lebhawle nguMfundisi F. V. Couche mhla tisihlanu eNyonini ngemnyaka wa-1952 yayi-phawula ngekuvuma kwebaphatsi labakhulu bemaSalesian, futsi babeka uMfundisi Stubbings waba ngumPhatsi wekucala walesikolwa.

Mhla titine kuNdlovana 1953 sikolwa lesiphakeme sema-Salesian sacala kusebenta. Lesikolwa sacala kusebenta sichuba umsebenti wesikolwa lesasatiwa ngekutsi yiLittle Flower. Lesikolwa savulwa ngebantfwana labangemashumi lamatsatfu nababili.

NjengaleMishini yabo yekucala eKoloni lomsebenti wa-Don Bosco eSwatini bawucalala ekundzindzeni. Kulicinisokutsi umBhishobhi Barneschi (Lungcwazi) wabanika indlu lenkhulu noko yayingenalutfo ekhatsi. Mfundisi Stubbings naMfundisi Fairclogh bebate imali yekutsenga timphahla tesikolwa lesiphakeme; njengemadesiki, titulo, ematafula; imibhedze netingubo tekulala, emabhodo naletinye tintfo tekhishini nalokunye-njeke lebekusweleka. Lufondvo lwa-Nkulunkulu lwaba nabo. Lomunye uMnumzane lobekabitwa ngekutsi nguPeter Weidner waseSodawesi (South West Afrika) wababoleka tinkhulungwane letintsatfu tabompondo ngaphandle kwentalo. Noko bebete indlela yekuyibuyisela. Umsebenti weMnumzane Weidner wachuma. Leso sikweledi wase usenta siphoo. Kutsiwa watsi akafuni kuboleka Nkulunkulu. Noma bebaphiwe lesiphoo lesingaka sikolwa sacindzettelwa tikweledi kwaze kwaba yiminyaka lesihlanu. BaPhatsi bemaSalesian bese bafuna kusivala. Kwacelwa kuMaria umSiti wemaKhristu, lwatfolakala lusito kwabhadalwa tikweledi kwase kucala umsebenti wekusandzisa sikolwa.

Ekucaleni emaSalesian abhekana nemsebenti walesikolwa lasebasicallife. Ngasemva base bacala kusita esikolweni lebesisedvute, semhlangano wemaDominican. Kwatsi kamuva uMfundisi Fleming lobekanguwesitsatfu ekuphatseni lesikolwa, wakha letinye tikolwa letincane njengaleti: eLwandle, eMakhungutje neGebeneni. Muva-nje emaSalesian, emva kwekuba asacelwe ngumBhishobhi Cassalini kutsi atsatse umsebenti wekuphatsa iMishini yakaManzini.

Namuhla kulesikolwa semaSalesian sekukhona tikolwa letibili; sikolwa semfundvo lephakeme nesikolwa salabancane. Setitotibili letikolwa tinebantfwana labayinkhulungwane nelikhulu nemashumi lamabili (1,120). Namanje sisakhula.

Njengakutotokhe tikolwa temaSalesian, inhloso yalomsebenti kubonisa bafana siphetfo selibizelo labo lelicondzena naNkulunkulu labadalela lona; nekutsi babe bantfu labacotfo labanemnako wekukhulisa live lakubo.

Sikolwa sekucala kuleli laseNingizimu, safundzisa bafana labandzindzako imisebenti kanye nekulima. Ema-Salesian-ke kulesikolwa sawo lesilapha eSwatini, afundzisa kulima, kubata, bukamndane, kudvweba emapulane, kupo-pola umhlaba, kugcina tincwadzi nakokonkhe lokuphatselene netimali. Inhloso yemsebenti yemaSalesian akusiko kucudze-lana naHulumende noma naletinye tinhlangotho leticondzene nekufundzisa, kodvwa kutama kuhlangabeta tinswelo leti-khona. Tindzingeke tiyagucuka kodvwa umsebenti waDon Bosco awugucuki, soloku wacondzana nebantfu labasha, noko likusasa labo letsembisa buhle, noko lisabhekene nebulukhuni.

Manyenti emaphupho labefikela Don Bosco emphilweni yakhe. Kubonakala sengatsi lamanyenti alawomaphupho kwakungumbono wetintfo letabe tisatakwenteka. Umfundzi utakuhumbula kutsi kulelinye lemaphupho aDon Bosco wabona liviyo lelikhulu lebafana lekwakungatsi lisuka kuye liye liphelele ekugcineni kwesibhakabhaka etintsabeni. Wati-bona asasemkhatsini walabafana bamjabulele njengemuntfu lababemlindzele. Abengabati. Kodvwa bona babemati njenge-tinkhulungwane tebafana balamuhla-nje labamati njengeYise wabo wekweMoya. Seluleko sakhe sasime njalo ngekutsi niyakuyicondza yonkhe intfo ngekuchubeka kwesikhatsi. Lelophupho laDon Bosco lacala kufezeka angakafi nge-mnyaka waka-1888. Minyaka yonkhe liyaphindzaphindza kutiveta, futsi selisimangaliso lesibonakala njalo emehlweni etfu amanje nangesikhatsi lesitako.

