

## LETTING GO OF THE BLUES

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### 1. BLUE-BLOODED MINDS

Blue-blooded minds: your thoughts are not your own.  
They are the thoughts of the white supremacist imagination  
These thoughts were infused into your mind by shedding the blood of your ancestors.

Blue-blooded minds: you are not royalty in their minds.  
You are assimilating their power and justifying your own subjugation.  
Your mind never mattered.  
You were a body without blood, a body without vitality.  
You were a life-less body to be enslaved.

Blue-blooded minds: liberate your minds to give vitality to your people.  
You were once a commodity, a slave in ways that were visible.  
The struggle is now in the mind, it is the blue-blood that soils your imagination and thought.  
Your imagination is not theirs;  
Your imagination is constructing the future of the black body.

Blue-blooded minds: sift out the knowledge that does not recognise your blackness.  
You have been avoided, a void in their history so this is a time to reclaim your physical and mental space.  
Decolonize your mind in order to sift out the blues of black history;  
We need to discover the knowledge that has been avoided, beyond the superimposed.  
We need to imagine the future of the emancipated mind.

Blue-blooded minds: let go the Victorian mind-set to be victorious for your people  
Shift your mind-set to represent your own; the one that does not conquer others for its pursuit.  
The African imagination and mind is not a niche or a counter-imagination.  
It transcends the dichotomy of ideas and reality.  
The African imagination is an imagination for changing reality to emancipate the living –the breathing  
The African imagination is living- it breathes from bodies and lives that have been lost.  
It is the rebirth of the ancestral minds and the creation of the mind without the blues of history.  
Blue-blooded minds: emancipate yourselves.  
Breathe... Imagine.

## 2. (BRUISED BLACK AND) BLUE COLLARED WORKER

(Bruised Black and) Blue Collared Workers: your position is not your circumstance.  
You have received the triple punches of society that the structure hides in order to give you the blame.  
You are not to blame.  
Racism, Patriarchy and Capitalism has given you these blues

(Bruised Black and) Blue Collared Workers: you are not the slave that slavery did not liberate.  
Your position is.  
Your body never mattered, but your labour did.  
You were an object for the colonial order: A man made project for a (wo) man-exchanging industry.  
You are not an industry,  
You are not an object but you are strength.

(Bruised Black and) Blue Collared Workers: you embody black strength.  
You embody the strength to create with bare hands what the colonialists saw as an idea.  
You made their imagination a reality, now it's time to use yours.  
You had the strength to bruise black and blue in the chains of production, only because you saw the future.  
You saw the future of when your bruises would be evidence of you breaking the shackles of your oppression.  
You are not labour, but you hold the wisdom of African construction in your hands.

(Bruised Black and) Blue Collared Workers: the time has come to unbutton the collars of oppression.  
The time has come to breathe- to release ourselves from the system.  
It is the time of catharsis, of healing those bruises on your hands to construct the Africa- the African  
imagination in reality.  
Your mind and your body is your own.

(Bruised Black and) Blue Collared Workers: emancipate yourselves.  
You are not your position. You can be anything, you can:  
Breathe... Imagine  
And construct what you have imagined into reality.

### 3. LETTING GO OF THE BLUES:

The blues of the past and present are not who we are.

We are people and we are human

We have thoughts and we are bodies.

We are not blue-blooded minds nor (Bruised black and) Blue Collared Workers; we are not divided.

Divide and conquer is not our imagination.

We are African – Izwe lethu.