

Angisoze ngayikhohlwa injabulo neghola engabanalo
ngo 1968 ngoJanwari ngiphelekezelwa ngiyogibela
isitimela esiya eThekwini, ngiyongena ekholishi
eManzimtoti njengowokugala kwethu, emva
kokuba sengifundé ngageda nasesekhondari lapho
obhuti bami uAzi noRie noSisi wami uMamile
babekade bengabokugala kwethu ukufunda khona,
uBhut' uRie ehlakaniphile, ekhuthete, ebedula
bonke ayefunda nabo, aziwa ngokuthi "usmart",
waba ngomunye wabokugala kwelakithi —
owokugala kwethu — ukufunda aphase eklasini
lokugcina esikoleni, ustandard 9, emukeliswe
isitifiketi iJunior Certificate — "J.C." ngo 1959.

UBhut' uRie wakuthakasela ukwemukelwa
kwami ekholishi eManzimtoti, wafaka isandla
esibonakalayo ekwelekeleteri abazali bethu
ukuthi uphumelele umzama wokungihuba
kwezemfundo, bebambisene bebonisana
noBhut' Azi.

UBhut' uRie wathatha isafari-suit entsha
ayeyizethengele ukuziswenkela ngayo, igugu
lemfeshini ngaleyo minyaka [1968], wayipha mina,
ngabaneyuntomu yakwanokusho ngifika eToti
okwangihika umdlandla, kwangandiseloi
nenkuthalo nokuzimisela ezifundweni,
ngathandeka, ngahlonipheka, ngaziswa
kwengangi funda nabo nababesifundisa.
Gasibhalelana, sixoxelana noBhuti,
eyisibonelo esikhulu kimi, ngiziggaja
ngaye, wonke ongaziyo efisa ukuba
noBhuti ofana nowami!