

## **BORN TO WEAR YOUR COLORS**

I was born to wear your colors with pride;  
For those who have tried, your freedom will not be denied.  
You raised me well and prepared me for my duty,  
What a wonderful sight to be surrounded by your beauty.  
You taught me to speak your truth and sing your life's story,  
For all to love and praise your glory.  
I left a journal for no one to forget,  
To stand beside you with each oncoming threat.  
Many have tried to keep you in the past,  
I used your strength to fight bravely so your freedom would last.  
You trained me to love, honor, and protect you,  
To fight for your justice with my life I chose to say thank you.  
The love you gave me was so profound,  
No matter the outcome I chose to stand my ground.  
I know you're never far from predators' sight,  
You will give birth again for the next to continue your fight.  
Like so many, I pledged my loyalty,  
For the queen that you are and hold your place like royalty.  
Years of tears with your people you stand,  
Always band together for the truth you command.  
You always made sure to never leave behind,  
Not on your watch of all Eritrean kind.  
The thought of never coming home to you again,  
Kept me fighting right till the end.  
By my side once again you surround me with your warm embrace,  
As I come home to you, draped in your colors to my final resting place.  
I was born to wear your colors with pride,  
Home with you like so many before me is where I chose to reside.

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