

Ode to Loraine

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you inspire, encourage and even lift
those whose shoulders have fallen
make a way where none existed
you are a trailblazer

you breathe courage
tackling big issues
you are not afraid
of losing friends either
for having uncomfortable conversations

you are the true African Lioness
giving hope and life
to those that feel faint

you touch hearts and minds
with your affectionate smile and love
you are blessed with a heart
bigger than Mount Kilimanjaro

you have made us all believe
that as long as the human spirit lives
life can be turned around
thank you for touching our Souls
this way.