

HUMAN RIGHTS STORIES

Tales of human rights defenders

Fela's Story



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**Fela Kuti was
a musician
from Nigeria.**



Fela's Story



**Nigeria is a
country in
West Africa.**



Fela's Story

North Africa and the Middle East



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Nigeria

Fela's Story



Life in Nigeria

Fela's Story



Life in Nigeria

Fela's Story



Life in Nigeria

Fela's Story



Fela used his music
to tell people about
Nigeria's problems,
like poverty and
hunger.



Fela's Story

**He wanted the government to treat
people fairly.**



Fela's Story

**The government was angry with Fela
for singing about Nigeria's problems.
They sent soldiers to his home.**



**The soldiers hurt
Fela's family and
burned down
his house.**



Fela's Story



**Fela continued to
sing his songs,
so they arrested
him and put him
into prison.**



Fela's Story

**Fela was not
given a chance
to explain his
side of the story.**



Fela's Story

When Fela's fans heard what had happened, they wrote lots of letters to the Nigerian government.



Fela's Story



Sending letters of protest

Fela's Story

They said...

Set him free!

***Fela should be
free!***

Let him go!



Fela's Story

After a year and a half, the government listened and Fela was finally set free.



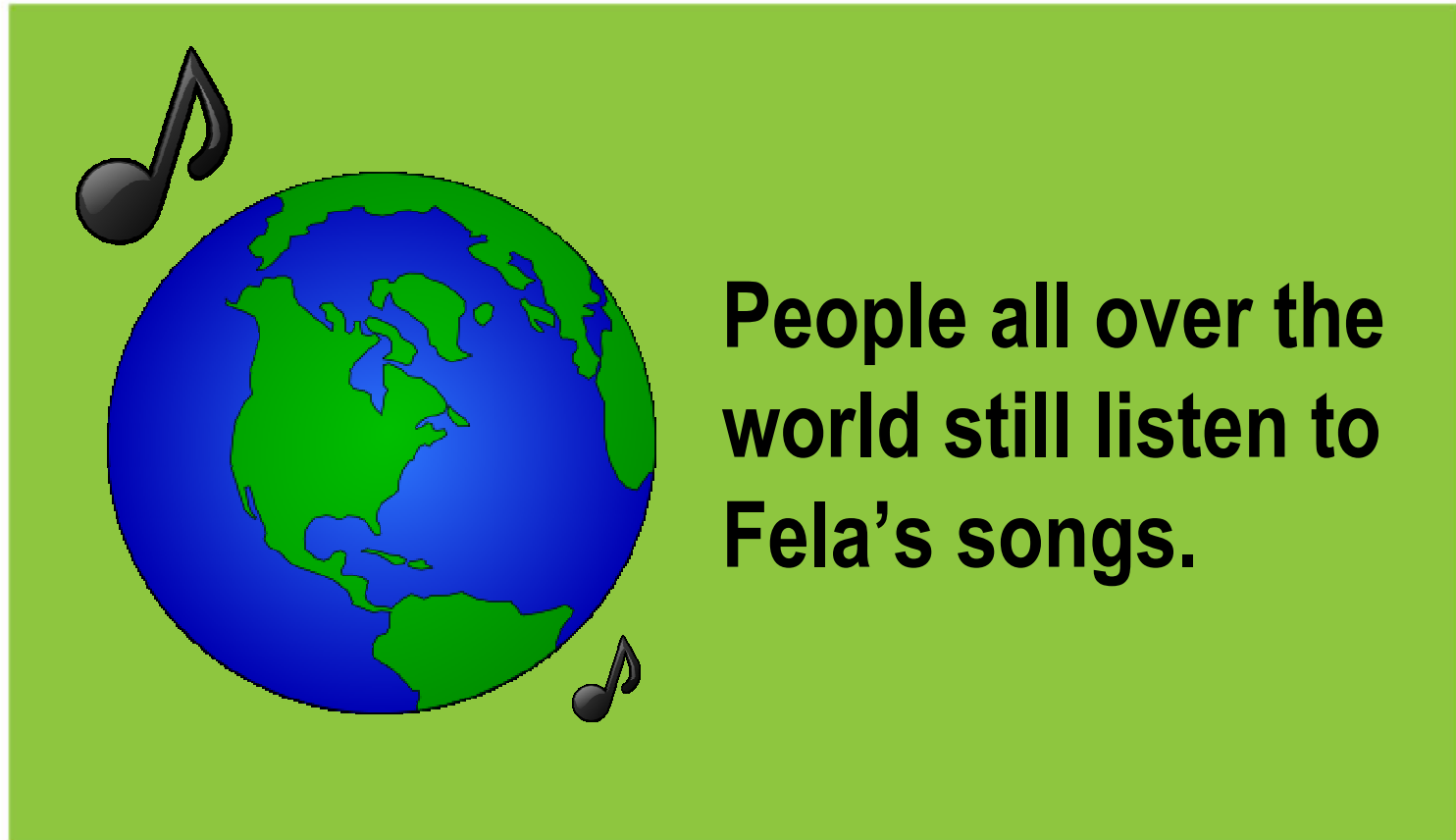
Fela's Story

**For the rest of his life,
he continued to write
songs about life
in Nigeria.**



His message was that people should be treated fairly.





THE END



Fela's Story

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Maria's Story



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**Maria from a place called Banga Wé
in Angola.**



The Angolan Flag



Maria's Story



Maria with her child

[Maria's Story](#)



**Angola is a
country in
Southern Africa.**



Maria's Story



The Angolan Atlantic coast

Maria's Story



Different types of houses in Angola



Maria's Story

The government decided to knock down the houses in Banga Wé without telling the people who lived there.

“We were not even warned about the demolitions. We were just taken by surprise.”

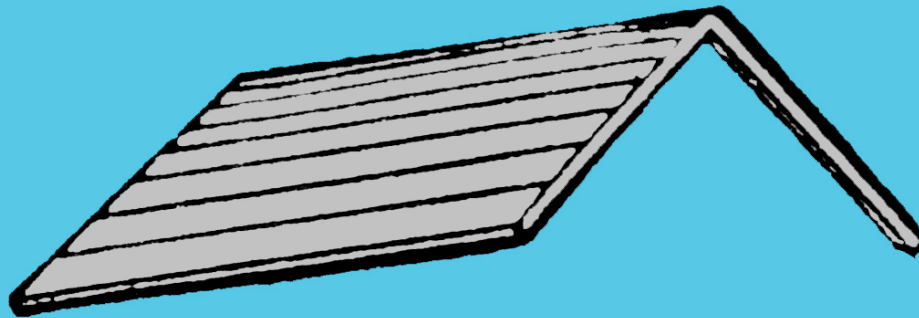


One day, when Maria got home from work, she saw that her house had been knocked down. Many houses were destroyed.



Maria's Story

All that was left were the roofs, so Maria and her neighbours built new houses from them.



Maria's Story



Houses made from roofs

Maria's Story



**But these houses
were also destroyed.**



Maria's Story

Maria was very upset. She wanted to show people that it is unfair to knock down someone's house.



She did not move. She stayed at her ruined house.



Maria's Story



Maria stayed at her house

Maria's Story

**The police took Maria from her home.
They kept her at the police station for
many hours.**



Maria's Story

After a long time, they let her go.

"I was taken to the police station because I resisted the demolitions."



**Maria and her
neighbours had
nowhere to live.
The children were
not allowed to go
to the school nearby.**



Maria's Story



Maria thinks that it is important to take action when you see things that are unfair.



Maria's Story



Taking action

Maria's Story



**She shares her story
with people around
the world.**



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Bobo's Story



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Bobo is a young man from Myanmar.



Myanmar is also called Burma.



**Myanmar is a
country in
Southeast Asia.**



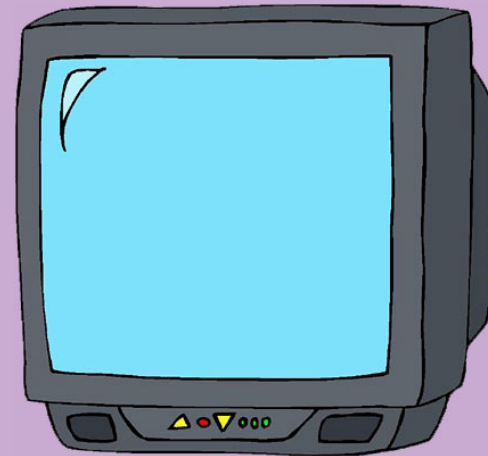
Bobo's Story



Myanmar

Bobo's Story

**Bobo was watching a television
programme about life
in Myanmar.**



Bobo's Story



The city of Yangon, Myanmar



Bobo's Story



Myanmar's ancient city of Bagan



Bobo's Story

**The programme showed a few people
with lots of money and lots of things.**



Bobo's Story



But Bobo knew that most people in Myanmar had very little money and very few things.



Bobo's Story

**Bobo felt very angry when he watched
this programme.**



Bobo's Story



He decided to tell people how unfair life in Myanmar really was.



Bobo's Story



Bobo and his friends decided to work together to share their message.



Bobo's Story

**They talked to
lots of people
on the streets.**



Bobo's Story



Talking about human rights

Bobo's Story

**The government found out what Bobo
and his friends were doing.**

They were angry.



**Some of Bobo's friends were put
in prison.**



Bobo's Story

**The police tried
to catch Bobo,
but he escaped.**



**He moved around
Myanmar, hiding in
different places.**



Bobo's Story

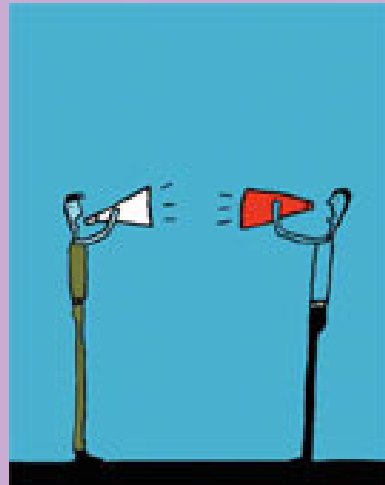
**He still lives in
hiding with some
of his friends.
They have to
be very careful!**



Bobo and his friends know that their message for the people of Myanmar is still very important.



**They tell
people how
life could be
better.**



**They ask
people to
speak up and
work together.**



Bobo's Story



Speaking up

Bobo's Story

**By working together, they can make
their voices heard.**



Bobo's Story

Bobo is still hiding and still speaking up.



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**Aung San Suu Kyi speaking
for human rights in Burma**



Bobo's Story

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Bobo's Story.....

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Ishmael's Story



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Ishmael was born in Sierra Leone.



Ishmael's Story



**Sierra Leone
is a country
in West Africa.**



Ishmael's Story



Landscape in Sierra Leone

Ishmael's Story



Life in Sierra Leone

Ishmael's Story



A demonstration in Sierra Leone



Ishmael's Story

When he was a child, Ishmael loved playing football, listening to music and going to school.



Ishmael's Story



Playing at school

Ishmael's Story

One day, when Ishmael was away from home with his older brother, soldiers came into his village.



Ishmael's Story



Soldiers in Sierra Leone

Ishmael's Story

Ishmael and his brother tried to go home to find their family, but it was too dangerous.



Ishmael's Story

Ishmael and his brother got separated.

He was all alone!



Ishmael's Story

The soldiers forced Ishmael and his friends to fight in the war.



Ishmael's Story

Ishmael was very scared.

*“There was no one
to explain what
was going on.”*



Ishmael's Story.....

After three years, Ishmael was finally rescued by people who cared about children.



Ishmael's Story

Those people were kind to him and helped him feel safe.

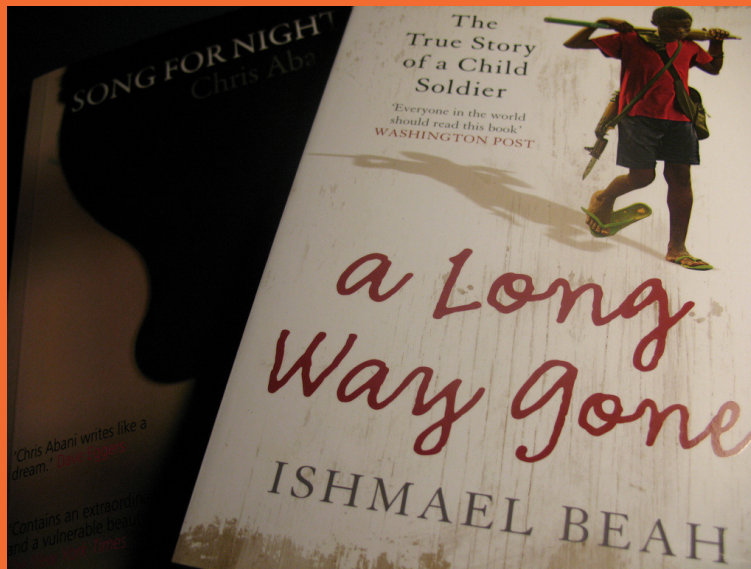


Ishmael's Story

The war in Sierra Leone continued, so Ishmael got help to travel to the United States.



Ishmael's Story



**He wrote a book
about his life.**



Ishmael's Story

**Today, Ishmael
tells people about
what it was like to
be a child soldier.**



Ishmael's Story

THE END



Ishmael's Story

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**Farai is a man
from Zimbabwe.**



Farai's Story



**Zimbabwe is
a country in
Southern Africa.**



Farai's Story



Life in Zimbabwe

Farai's Story



Life in Zimbabwe

Farai's Story



Life in Zimbabwe

Farai's Story

Farai works in the diamond fields in Zimbabwe.



Farai's Story

Diamonds are beautiful, shiny stones used in jewelery.





They are worth
lots of money.



People dig down into the ground to find diamonds.



Farai's Story



**Farai's job is to
make sure that
people working in
the diamond fields
are treated fairly.**



Farai's Story

He began to notice something bad was happening.



He noticed that some people were not given enough time to eat their lunch or rest when they were tired.



**Many people were not getting paid
enough money for their work and
sometimes it was dangerous.**



He visited the government and told them about the problems in the diamond fields.



But the government said Farai was lying.



Farai's Story



**They kept him in
prison for more
than one month.**



Farai's Story



Lots of people heard Farai's story. They wrote many letters and e-mails to the government.





Writing letters for human rights

Farai's Story

**The government did not like getting
complaints from around the world.**



They decided to set Farai free from prison.

He was so happy to be free!





**Farai got a special
human rights award
for being brave.**



Farai's Story

Farai is back at work in the diamond fields. He still makes sure people are being treated fairly.



Farai's Story

THE END



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