

**Selected Writings on President Mandela by Sri Chinmoy**  
**From *Nelson Mandela: The Pinnacle-Pillar of Mother Earth***

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The pinnacle-pillar  
Of Mother Earth.**

**Wherever he goes,  
He carries with him  
The tears and smiles  
Of sweetness-love.**

**He is  
A world-peace-beckoning  
Sunrise-smile-heart.**

**Whoever genuinely desires  
To redress humanity's suffering  
Feels behind him one hundred per cent  
The living presence of Mandela's heart.**

**President Mandela's very name  
Builds a hope-cathedral  
In the heart of despair-flooded humanity.**

**In Mandela they found  
The inspiration-fountain  
Of their lives  
And the aspiration-mountain  
Of their hearts.**

**He is a magician supreme!  
He transforms  
Our very long-standing bitterness  
Into our abiding sweetness  
In the twinkling of an eye.**

**He tells the sea-deep sorrow-sufferers:  
'My brothers and my sisters.  
Here and now smile with a new start  
Tomorrow's Golden Dawn is come!'**

**The citizens of the whole world  
See in the circle  
Of President Mandela's  
Fond embrace  
The blossoming joy of world-peace-hope  
And  
The fulfilling power of world-oneness-promise.**

**In Mandela they found  
The inspiration-fountain  
Of their lives  
And  
The aspiration-mountain  
Of their hearts.**

**South Africans have now become  
The blooming colours  
Of his faith-heart-garden.**