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Bothhale Boikanyo, 11years old, wins South Africa's Got Talent -2012

This is Botlahle. She is an 11 years old girl and was on the TV show South Africa's Got Talent. She won in October. She is a poet. She first recites Marianne Williamson's famous poem and then is asked to recite something original.

Here is a news article about her.

South Africa: Talented Botlhale Raised the Bar for Aspirant Poets-Premier Modise

E-TV SA's Got Talent Show 2012 winner **Bothhale Boikanyo** has not only raised the bar for aspirant poets across the country but has undoubtedly claimed the status of the North West Province as the home of talented artists, Premier Thandi Modise said in congratulating the 11 year old for scoping the coveted R250 000 price on the finals night.

"Botlhale is a jewel that we should nurture for the world stage because the world is her oyster. Her passion, talent, inspirational poetry, self-confidence and with which she performed before millions who watched the talent search show distinguished her as a professional in the making destined for greater heights. She really did us proud. The sky is the limit for her.

The provincial government will do everything possible to support her to achieve her dreams. "said the overjoyed Premier Modise.

"As we celebrate Botlhale and thank all the viewers who voted for her, we should salute her single mother for teaching her to believe in herself and for encouraging her reach for the sky. In her we have a special mother with a special child. " added Modise.

Runners up to the grade six learner at Sol Plaatjie Primary School who said that her ambition is to "Change the world" were the PJ Twins from Bonteheuwel and 3rd place went to Donlynn and Cameron, also from Cape Town.

The young Botlhale from Imperial Reserve in Mahikeng won herself thousands of admirers who who ensured that she makes it into the finals when she competed against and beat boxers" Drumkit and Evo", tap dancers "T Squared", singers "Melanie Adams, Iziqhaza" and owner-and-dog act Xandre and Finn in the semi-finals.

Her performance received a standing ovation from the entire audience and judges in the semi-finals and finals. One of the judges, Shado Twala had cried openly in admiration of the young poet's talent.

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Here is the Marianne Williamson's poem, **Our Deepest Fear**, that she recites first.

Our Deepest Fear

By Marianne Williamson

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness
That most frightens us.

We ask ourselves
Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?
Actually, who are you not to be?
You are a child of God.

Your playing small
Does not serve the world.
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking
So that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine,
As children do.
We were born to make manifest
The glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us;
It's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine,
We unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.
As we're liberated from our own fear,
Our presence automatically liberates others.

Note: This inspiring quote on our deepest fear is taken from Marianne Williamson's book **A Return to Love**.