



Beautiful Land

Sudan is remarkably beautiful. It is hard to believe there has been so much warfare. This is a focus on happier moments with the SOMA team.

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A land so beautiful
So fertile and fair
Fields and trees
Growing open and free
Like an English parkland –
But there are palm trees
And teak trees
With enormous leaves -
Hardly England -
And at night the air is
Full of the tinkle and rasp
Of crickets and cicadas
And the comic burping
Of tree frogs

Sitting in the open late at night
With a torch for light
And the Southern Cross
In the stars for above

Time to wind down after the day
To eat rice and salad
Cassava and stringy meat

Time with the team
Talking out the day's events
Laughter, joking and at times
Struggling with
Different languages and cultures
Others simply sitting
And thinking and listening to
Happy conversations around