

# SIMPHIWE DANA

INSPIRED BY PITIKA NTULI'S SCULPTURE "IN THE WOMB OF ELEPHANTINE DREAMS"

## **I am made of hair, skin, water, and air**

I do not have a backbone  
Let alone any bone in my body  
I flip and I flop and I wiggle and I wobble  
I cannot move without help  
I am exactly where my oppressors want me  
But...  
Every memory is etched in my DNA  
My past and my future  
I remember it all  
My bones will find me  
My healing is in my own skin