

# KAMLESH'S PLEA

By  
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“My Lords, I had glorious dreams of Kenya  
Gleaming, glittering shining dreams  
of turning Kenya into a golden mountain  
from the shores of Lake Victoria  
right up to Kakamega  
I had a dream, my Lord,  
where everyone would check the time  
on the golden Rolex  
but now I stand accused of a crime  
they say Kamlesh is a cunning fox

In my glittering vision  
(Brought after St. Paul appeared to me)  
Midas appeared on the horizon  
and guided my feet to the Central Bank,  
where he told me, “Come on, help yourself, go on.”  
Goldenberg was but a mission from God  
I had a dream, my Lords,  
where every damsel's fingers in Kenya  
was adorned with golden rings  
and every youth was wearing bling bling!

So I asked you, my Lords,  
I asked you-in all fairness...  
Is it fair, I swear, is it fair  
To put a man in Kamiti  
And in K.N.H\*

For sharing his golden dreams-  
With KANU, Kotut, Kulei and Ndetei?"

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