

*Oh! New Sun! Of South Sudan!*

*Do not set*

*An Independence Day Poem for 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011*

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*I see your emergence*

*You the New Sun*

*Of Independence*

*Of South Sudan*

*We've waited so long*

*Continue to rise*

*Do not set*

*With tearful eyes*

*Of a war orphan;*

*With blood of martyrs*

*For liberation*

*With drumbeats*

*And heartbeats*

*I welcome you*

*Do not set*

*Not long ago*

*Slavery grows*

*Bad suns glow*

*And misery flows*

*Let them go*

*For goodness sake*

*They hurt me*

*Do not set*

*As for you*

*My Sweetheart*

*Continue to shine*

*In my heart*

*And my mind*

*I love you*

*Do not set*

*With your mystical light*  
*Protect our fragile boundary*

*And stop anymore fight*  
*To safeguard our country*

*With its sovereign right*  
*Do not set*

*Behold our brave army*

*And powerful women*

*See the youth entity*

*And mighty men*

*Ready to deliver*

*As Salva Kiir Mayardit*

*Raises our flag to-day*

*For our Promised Land*

*Do not set*

*For darkness*

*May come back*

*And badness*

*May slide back*

*To bring sadness*

*God forbid*

*Do not set*

*With future leaders kicking*

*In mothers' wombs*

*Heroic martyrs smiling*

*In heaven's rooms*

*And I ecstatically dying*

*In freedom blooms*

*Oh! The New Sun!*

*Of South Sudan!*

*Do not set!*