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Midwinter: dry, yapping cold at my heels all morning ('bone cold' is what I call it). Highveld, South Africa.

Then the clouds clear and we all know we are home . . . the endless brilliant blue above us is the envelope God chose to send his largesse to Africa.

Nkosi sikelele i Africa. It's as if my heart adjusts to its primal beat, that of the Cowhide Drum, from our own Mtshali; Nigeria's Achebe; Serote, ours too.

Yes! A rare moment.
Africa united in one breath:

We have to save this beauty!

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