

MUSINGS
from
MANGUZI



By Ian Couper

ABORTION REQUEST

With a life inside
your life
you came to me
demanded
I take a life
so you can live

I berated you
accused you
labelled you
defending a life
still to be lived

you left
dead
to my ideas
with no life
stretching ahead
to the next generation

Note: This poem was written by Dr Ian Couper who has been working at Manguzi Hospital/Maputaland since 1991.