

# Msingi 2000

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## THE GREEN HOUSE HUKO MAJANINI

Dedicated to: "Manena"  
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**L**arge and airy, firm on the ground  
stood the Green House huko majanini  
owned by two brothers, M.D. and H.D.  
sasa tunaotea usingizini

Msingis, as they were popularly known  
produced a large family, yearly born  
as we meet today because of H.D.  
let's remember "Manena", a perfect lady!

"Manena" is what we all knew her as  
was a loving sister to the two brothers  
held the fort and the "ufunguo ya galani"  
where is Mehboob who was number one mastani?

Ma Ganga and Bi Soni, mother and daughter  
led their lives more than three quarters  
how fortunate they were to live with no stress  
the issue of today which needs to be addressed

I remember the meals, ndizi tamu na ndizi mbichi  
where is Fatuma, Hadji na Khamisi?  
Uncle Raza is wise and is getting the best  
It's a wonder he doesn't want to move to the west!

Kulsum and Zainab, the two important women  
from them is the reason of this reunion  
it's overwhelming to see how far we branch out  
as Msingis or Kermallis we are proud, no doubt

The G.E.C. shop, the lights and the fans  
the easy life our fathers entertained  
Chagpar, Bapajis and more rafikis  
the msogas in the evening huko barazani

The fresh sea breeze and the green grass  
can only be a memory of the past  
How lucky are those who were able to enjoy  
I thank my Lord, I was "one" amongst many boys

Mze Anver alizima kibatari, aliwasha taa  
he has gone but the light shines kila saa  
Wazey Ahmed na Amir counted centis and shillings  
they used it all for the "secret" matinees

During the hot, humid Summers of Zanzibar  
mze Turab flipped switches of the conditionar  
to feel the breeze as if in paradise  
I hope and pray that is where he resides

I do not know why he is known as Abdulla Djogo  
but Abdulla was the "chaglo" since he was mdogo  
Raza would come down after a doze of "tamboo"  
walk around the shop ensuring no "tabu"

As I recount the life, maybe wonderful, maybe not  
I conclude with the mention, the last of them lot  
His kipara always shone that was of Ahmed Dee  
these were the Msingi boys of H.D.  
who lived in the Green House huko majanini

It will not be fair, it cannot be complete  
if mention of the ladies is not done at this retreat  
the first was Amina and the last was Fatma  
"Madera" alishuhulika, kuzalisha mwaka kwa mwaka

Katikati Khatija, Ruby, Sikina na Naseem  
were brought up and pampered in a life like a dream  
Zainab came first, Nargis and Rubab to follow  
kwenda shamba we needed the lorry of Bha Golo!

As Manena was collecting more jublos and barotaa  
Naushad, Nisar and Kulsum wali anza ku sotoa  
then came Gully, Kaniz and Merziya  
the rooms had to be partitioned with a "Paziya"!

Khelele za wajuku and to divert his attention  
H.D. made sure he always had a companion  
after Kulsum and Zainab came Sakku-Kesi and  
Sherbanu  
the last of them lot was good ole Noorbanu

Let us remember the marhumas and marhum  
with a sura-e-Fateha and silence in the room  
kwa shidda na tama ame jenga aakhera yake  
twa kumbukey kwa furaha watoto na wanawake

Kwa shidda na tama ame jenga family yaake  
tuendele kwa umoja na kwa furaha zaake

