

Africa: The Cheetahs Identity

The sun falls over
north west Africa
and wakes the cheetah.

He sees the Nuba tribesmen
hunting an ostrich.
He joins in. He's hungry.

He helps an elephant
find water.

He watches the lions sleep.

He walks around
the thatched huts
of the Nuer tribe.

He plays with his brothers
stretching his long legs
in a race close to the desert.

I connect with the cheetah
and the land he loves.
I want to protect him.

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