Taitu

Proud queen - a woman patriot
One who is fierce - a just judge!
She who was a light of freedom
A wise, warrior lady - do you know who she is?

How is it possible
That I would forget my own decorated woman
This morning sun that the country took warmth in
This warrior leader that the world knows!

Taitu
The 'etegue'/queen
Taitu
The lady

Purest gold tested by fire
She is an awakening of your and my spirit
Leader - a solution maker
The one who got us through our toughest days

Taitu
The 'etegue'/queen
Taitu
The lady

She who marched along with the warriors of Adwa
Kind lady who knows true love
Mother of the country that brave heart
She shines in my heart!

Taitu
The 'etegue'/queen
Taitu
The lady

That mother of our country - that solution maker
Today shines in my heart -Taitu!

I am the daughter of that warrior, Taitu
I too have the wisdom needed for that critical day
I am not afraid - I will not back down
I will reach my goal – I will be 'big'!
ZERAF! [5] I have sworn in the name of my warrior mother
I will rid myself of my enemy
I will not rest until I see my enemy fallen
I shall show no fear - I will repeat history!
Taitu is me today!

Who will stand for my country the moment
I am called
A wise problem solver - who will bring great things
I am the inheritor of that courage!

Emeye[6]

With respect for her and
She with respect for him
Lead the nation with the Empress' wisdom
The foundation for growth the ray of a new dawn
Menelik is a man who is called as a woman

Emeye Menelik awake and aware
Before the rest of us/ahead of his time
Gave Etegue Taitu a very important place
She organized her army
Like she organized her household
And led the nation with courage in her heart

We have Taitu's blood - we have inherited courage
Who dare stop us before we reach our dreams?

" Her name is fuel that strengthens our hearts
One who knows her
Will never surrender/back away!

Taitu
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[5] *Zeraf*- Ethiopian warrior stance

[6] *Emeye*- affectionately feminized nickname for Emperor Menelik.