**The sahwira (best friend)**

On his t shirt the words **stand alone**,

and a picture of the sun in an Aztec pattern.  
Having to bury his best friend at the age of 28…  
  
On retuning to Amai, and the restfulness of the kitchen she brings me the news, there's gonna be another funeral; another young lad had died, been missing at the dam for 3 days… people say, caught by the mermaid spirits.