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## Text 1

President Obama is the first African American President of the United States of America. In November 2012, during a visit to Australia to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Australia, New Zealand and United States (ANZUS) alliance, President Obama addressed the Australian Parliament in the House of Representatives, Canberra. The following is an excerpt from this speech, which was also broadcast on radio and television.

- I first came to Australia as a child, travelling between my birthplace of Hawaii, and Indonesia,
   where I would live for four years.
- 3 As an eight-year-old, I couldn't always understand your foreign language. Although, last night I
- 4 did try to talk some Strine.
- 5 And today I don't want to subject you to any earbashing. I really do love that one and I will be
- 6 introducing it into the vernacular in Washington.
- But to a young American boy, Australia and its people your optimism, your easy-going ways,
  your irreverent sense of humour all felt so familiar; it felt like home.
- 9 I've always wanted to return. I tried last year. Twice. But this is a Lucky Country. And today I
- 10 feel lucky to be here as we mark the 60th anniversary of our unbreakable alliance.
- 11 The bonds between us run deep.
- 12 In each other's story we see so much of ourselves.
- 13 Ancestors who crossed vast oceans-some by choice, some in chains.
- Settlers who pushed west across sweeping plains. Dreamers who toiled with hearts and handsto lay railroads and to build cities.
- Generations of immigrants who, with each new arrival, add a new thread to the brillianttapestry of our nations.
- And we are citizens who live by a common creed-no matter who you are no matter what youlook like, everyone deserves a fair chance; everyone deserves a fair go.
- Of course, progress in our societies has not always come without tension, or struggles to
   overcome a painful past. But we are countries with a willingness to face our imperfections, and
   to keep reaching for our ideals.
- That's the spirit we saw in this chamber, three years ago, as this nation inspired the world witha historic gesture of reconciliation with Indigenous Australians.
- 25 It's the spirit of progress, in America, which allows me to stand before you today, as President
- 26 of the United States. And it's the spirit I'll see later today when I become the first US president
- 27 to visit the Northern Territory, where I'll meet the traditional owners of the Land.

## Text 2 Birds of Paradise

(B) and (M) have called in to visit friends (S) and (L) on Sunday afternoon, to borrow some building materials from S, who is a carpenter. When they arrive B and M join S and L, who are sitting in the garden. After a few minutes M comments on the pot plants. M is a gardener, and S and L have planted a number of Birds of Paradise plants, both in pots and in the garden beds, which attract M's attention.



Bird of Paradise flower

Transcript key:

<a a=""> fa</a>	st speech	?	questioning intonation
(.) sh	ort pause	/	rising pitch
() lo	nger pause	\	falling pitch
word - tru	uncated word	word	stressed word
, со	ntinuing intonation	=	lengthening of a sound
. fir	nal intonation	[]	overlapping speech

1	M:	They won't grow in them ^pots, Sammy.
2	S:	They ^what mate?
3	M:	Them birds of paradise won't grow in ^pots.
4		You need to move em ^out.
5	S:	Why I ^like them in the pots.
6	M:	But they won't ^grow.
7	S:	Why?
8	M:	They just ^won't.
9	L:	They don't like it/
10	M:	They don't like it,
11		They dry ^out too quick.
12	B:	I had two ^monster ones of them [at the old place - ]
13	S:	[I got one ^there, one there, one]
14	B:	Do you get, do you get the ^big flowers out of em?
15	L:	<u>Yep.</u>
16	B:	[Yeah?]
17	M:	[Do you?]
18	L:	Yep those ones. (gesturing to the garden bed)
19	B:	[I had ^two (.) like (.) they were]
20	M:	[ <u>Beautiful</u> (.) <u>beautiful</u> plant]
21	B:	I just put them in the ground,
22		They grew and grew a^ beauty\
23	M:	Yeah?
24	L:	<a ^friend="" got="" has="" of="" one,<="" ours="" td=""></a>
25		that would be about as ^big,
26		as ^big as one of these trees here,
27		at the ^back of their house\ A>
28	В:	Yeah?
29	L:	It's enor=mous\
30	В:	Really?
31	M:	Oh ^yeah they grow <u>huge</u> ,
32		Yeah and you can actually split them Bruce/
33		You can actually split them up.
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34	B:	Yeah, yeah.
35	L:	Oh like ^agapanthus or something?
36	B:	<u>Yeah</u> , that's what ^I got given,
37		I just ^pulled em apart,
38		Grant said just plant em there [and there - ]
39	L:	[They're nice/]
40	M:	[ <u>Best_</u> flower ever.]
41	B:	^Never looked after it,
42		And it grew like a ^beauty.
43	S:	Well I don't want them too big ^anyway,
44		I'm (.) just ^cut the dead flowers,
45		I - [I water them -]
46	M:	[I reckon they're] the <u>best</u> plant.
47	S:	[What?]
48	L:	[Do you?]
49	M:	Yeah (.) bird of paradise\
50	L:	Oh look (.) they are ^minimum maintenance -
51	M:	Yeah/
52	L:	^Maximum pretty -
53	M:	Yeah\
54	L:	But you've gotta ^watch them,
55		Because they ^ <u>do</u> get <u>huge\</u>

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