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TOO FLY

FOR THESE HATERS

LYRICS • RECEIPTS • BACKGROUND

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PART ONE

LYRICS

HOOK

Yhoooo we too fly for these haters
Shut 'em down, let two fly for these haters
Effortless, the try too fly for these haters
Tower over them when two fly for these haters, like
Yhoooo we too fly for these haters
Pilot episode when two fly for these haters
Give 'em quite a show that's too fly for these haters
Tower over them when two fly for these haters

VERSE 1

Jaaaa, they don't know what we know
Precision is a given if you know what's on the road
Quantum physics isn't rocket science here
We got graduates in ranks with all drive and no fear
Yey wena, this is the home eyok'Spinna
We theatric if you catch my drift
It's a different kind of donut that the cops deal with
You're too ignorant to understand the smoke we give
You see we take an L to the tee
How the altitude is our attitude
Cannot lose, we bring victory from lessons as amuse
Tasteful how we balance our talents and the cool
Too much flair up in the place, bring an Allergex or two
Ah-choo, how the flyover's a blessing like the rain
Ah-choo, but your jealousy would rather feel the pain
Ha-ha-haaa, ja no man, we know, it's shocking
But jhoooooo we really get to it that often, like

[HOOK]

VERSE 2

Mm-mm-mm, la mo tseba Laurie Kay
UKapiteni ngalabez' yes'bhabhaka vannie tyd
Timeless kinda legend that could cultivate tradition
Into battling conditions of the world and its evils
First one to fly over the stadium in carriers
Carried on to fly over with choppers for the poachers
Flowered up his skill for protecting the children of the wild
From the greedy nature killers acting vile
Ever since his stunt with Don, Fourie and Thomas
Many pilots brought the joy and style of honour
Brought it to iDiski ne Cricket
Even the President's in '99 with three times the ride
Stroos-bob, hlala phantsi, we got history ne spilion
How much for a ticket? Boma-700 hundred drillion
Eisshhh, your business class never been this
You could stretch a narrative but never reach this

[HOOK]

VERSE 3

Nearly 40 years of airlines, no passenger has passed yet
Safest on the continent, 8th on the planet
Big body choices for the show when we plan it
Plus size, symbol for the people and the Captain
Whhaaaa, we ain't scared of y'all
We recognize the tactics of fear involved
Tryna decimate the PR of this country
Take a proper gander, the mirror is disgusting
Sies, stop it with the lies already
Some of y'all are just puppets to the lines y'all hearing
Can't fathom the 3rd world taking 1st place
In a race we ain't running 'cause we made our own lanes, so
Hhei, watch your mouth or watch this space
Pilots so far ahead, astronauts feel fake
You can't pull us down, our humour is our gravity
Southy how we braai any beef that you have in thee

[HOOK]

RECEIPTS

Every factual claim in the verses, and where it comes from. The song runs in three movements — the rituals we keep, the people who practised them, and the numbers that justify the swagger — so the sources are grouped the same way.

On timing: the Cape Town flypast that prompted the song took place in August 2026, and the verses were written in the weeks that followed. The safety figures in the third verse were already public — SACAA announced them on 29 April 2026, and they were preliminary at the time, with the final detailed ICAO report expected within 90 days of that announcement.

VERSE ONE

THE RITUALS

The song opens by setting the table: how we carry ourselves, what we do with a loss, where the theatre comes from. Nothing is claimed yet — the character doing the claiming is being established first.

“This is the home eyok’Spinna — we theatric if you catch my drift”

Spinning is a South African motorsport that originated in Soweto in the late 1980s, first performed as a funeral ritual in which a car was spun to honour the dead. What sets it apart from drifting — which is Japanese in origin — is the theatre: drivers exit the car mid-spin to dance or hang from the windows while it keeps turning.

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 - Forbes Africa, April 2026 forbesafrica.com/sport/2026/04/03/an-amazing-form-of-self-expression-gearing-up-to-take-south-africas-motorsport-spinning-culture-to-the-global-stage
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Those same rituals, put into practice at altitude. Here the flypast tradition and the people who built it are honoured the way this culture honours anyone — by naming them, and by telling what they actually did.

“la mo tseba Laurie Kay”

Captain Laurie Kay piloted the SAA Boeing 747-200 over Ellis Park at the Rugby World Cup final on 24 June 1995, with “GOOD LUCK BOKKE” across the underside of the wings. The aircraft made two passes, the second lower than the first, reportedly around 200 feet above the topmost seats. He died in April 2013 with over 23,000 flying hours logged.

- RNZ, 5 September 2026 [rnz.co.nz/news/sport/1267256/south-africa-rugby-flyover-controversy-how-the-springboks-stadium-tradition-began](https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/sport/1267256/south-africa-rugby-flyover-controversy-how-the-springboks-stadium-tradition-began)
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“First one to flyover the stadium in carriers”

The 1995 Ellis Park pass is the origin of the South African civil airliner flypast tradition — a commercial passenger aircraft, near-empty but for its crew, rather than a military display.

- Sports Brief sportsbrief.com/rugby/51763-rugby-world-cup-closing-ceremony-eclipse-1995-ellis-park-boeing-747/
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“carried on to flyover with choppers for the poachers”

Kay suffered a fatal heart attack in April 2013 while volunteering his time in the fight against rhino poaching in the Kruger National Park.

- Flightline Weekly flightlineweekly.com/post/2019/10/30/laurie-kay-the-man-the-legend
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“Ever since his stunt with Don, Fourie, and Thomas”

Kay was joined on the flight deck by Senior First Officer Billy Fourie, Senior Flight Engineer Don Coppard, and Senior Training Captain Selwyn Thomas, who was responsible for getting the time over target right.

- Flightline Weekly flightlineweekly.com/post/2019/10/30/laurie-kay-the-man-the-legend
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“Brought it to iDiski ne Cricket”

Kay flew again over FNB Stadium for the 1996 Africa Cup of Nations, and SAA's Ndizani Olympic tour followed that year, escorted on its display flight by four South African Air Force Mirage F1s. A three-aircraft SAA formation also passed over the Wanderers during the 2003 ICC Cricket World Cup.

- Flightline Weekly flightlineweekly.com/post/2019/10/30/laurie-kay-the-man-the-legend
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 - Getty Images, Wanderers flypast, ICC Cricket World Cup 2003, credit Mike Hewitt
gettyimages.com/detail/news-photo/south-african-airways-has-a-fly-past-over-the-wanderers-news-photo/1866478
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“Even the President’s in ’99 with three times the ride”

Three SAA aircraft flew in formation over President Thabo Mbeki’s inauguration in June 1999. Kay led in a 747 Classic, with Scully Levine and Johnny Woods on either wing in 747-400s.

- Mail & Guardian, 16 June 1999 mg.co.za/news/south-africa/1999-06-16-sa-boeings-buzz-in-mbeki-s-presidency/
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VERSE THREE

THE NUMBERS

The part that isn’t feeling. Having set out how we act and who we honour, the last verse answers why any of it is earned — with the record, not the mood.

“Big body choices for the show when we plan it / Plus size — symbol for the people AND the Captain”

Stadium flyovers elsewhere are military. South Africa is the country where the passenger airliner version became a tradition and kept going — from the 747 over Ellis Park in 1995, through the Africa Cup of Nations in 1996, Mbeki’s inauguration in 1999, the Cricket World Cup in 2003, a Harvard formation over Mandela Square in 2011, a FlySafair 737-800 over Ellis Park in 2022, the Emirates A380 in 2024, and the Airlink E190s over Cape Town in 2026. In 1995 it was considered almost unthinkable that something the size of a Boeing 747 would fly low and slow over a packed stadium.

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 - Mail & Guardian, 4 September 2026 mg.co.za/thought-leader/2026-09-04-south-africa-s-stadium-flyovers-a-proud-tradition-of-precision-that-should-be-defended/
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“nearly 40 years of airlines, no passenger has passed yet / Safest on the continent, 8th on the planet”

SACAA announced a preliminary ICAO result of 95.12% on 29 April 2026, following an ICAO Coordinated Validation Mission, placing South Africa eighth globally and first in Africa — up from 91.23% at the 2023 full-scope audit. In the same release, Director of Civil Aviation Poppy Khoza cited the zero fatal accident rate the commercial airline sector has enjoyed for over four decades.

- SACAA media release, 29 April 2026 – included in this kit as [sacaa-29-april-2026.pdf](#)
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 - ICAO USOAP results viewer [icao.int/safety/Pages/USOAP-Results.aspx](#)
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BACKGROUND

Context for the story. These are not claims made in the song.

THE AUGUST 2026 FLYPAST

Two Airlink Embraer E190s flew in formation over DHL Stadium in Cape Town on 29 August 2026, minutes before the second test between the Springboks and the All Blacks. Flight-tracking data indicated the lead aircraft passed roughly 12–14 metres above the stadium roof. Airlink said the flight was flown at around 150 knots by crews of three senior captains per aircraft — commander, co-pilot and safety/technical officer — with SACAA and ATNS guidance and approval, and that flight data recorder information confirms the flypast stayed within approved limits. SACAA initiated compliance verifications. A planned flypast at FNB Stadium the following weekend was withdrawn.

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HERITAGE MONTH 2026

Heritage Day is observed on 24 September. The 2026 national theme is “Celebrating Our Living Heritage: Strengthening the Ties That Bind Us,” and the commemoration marks 31 years since Heritage Day was first celebrated in post-apartheid South Africa. The theme foregrounds living heritage as a practice transmitted through language, music, ritual and oral tradition rather than through monuments or archives.

- Department of Sport, Arts and Culture [gov.za](https://www.gov.za)