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Dare is the last child in a family of six. He had primary to tertiary education in University of Lagos. He is currently single and hopes to marry a wonderful wife and have charming children who would be the first audience of his literary works. He is a Christian. He's got a conservative personality with melancholic temperament.

His love for literature started from his interest in epic movies both local and foreign. In his fourth year in secondary school, he realised his passion for poetry thereby making Literature in English one of his enjoyable subjects. Most of his writings started building up at the age of 16. In his second year of his tertiary education, he started posting his poems

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After Today I May Die

After today I may die So I'll make hays while the sun shines Heal my world with words and smiles Who knows tonight I may bid it bye

After today I may die So I'll share my abode with peasant to rest There they can relax till sun goes to set Tomorrow there I may no more lie

After today I may die So I'll give water to souls that thirst Feed the hungry with food I've left The unclad in cold I'll clothe and dry

After today what if I do not die? I'd have made this world a better place Made a difference in my little space Lived daily like it's last before I pass by

All In All

You should keep marching on Not minding threats that come Don't lose your shape of form. Remember, its you the sun would burn Not the treasured dreams yet unborn.

Everyone's got it all in all, To take us up when we fall, To make us fly in times we crawl. Just keep hope while you breathe Look inward and be informed.

Life presents path that's so rare With end that seems so weir But Men move to unclothe their fear Lest till death can't afford its fare. Better ones draw near theirs that care.

Bed Communion

Then, you said it's tonight Now, you say I drive you nut You distract with chatters Ignoring what in marriage matters, To make your stick in me stick, And make my swollen donut erupt. But no, you would not! You say you're tired and it's weak. You say you're tired and it's weak. You shatter my heart! You fail the mouth, eyes, And pant-cover contact. Tell me if you're impotent! This is because I care Only bills you dare to pay With your soul doll you fear to play.

Blacks

You say I'm black that you're dark. Oh life of a negroid! You say I was battered but you were whipped. Oh life of slavery! You say I'm an outcast while you're just segregated. Oh life of apartheid! You say I'm from where is other than the South. Oh life of Africans! I am your brother but we're distanced. Oh life of xenophile! I ought to rub your back while you rub mine. Oh life that's reciprocal! We are very now afar. Oh tears of Africa!

Courageous Steps

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Cracked Vase

My beautiful black vase Fond to hold my desires Open to all my flowers Bosom bouquet not grass Perfect picture of tasteful heart Tender material of glass My piece of aesthetic art.

Oh no my vase! You have a crack From ruffian mashers, Who roughed your past As hard stones in glass. Scared you'll soon wreck And scurried out so fast.

How much did they press, Careless about your dent, And wanting your purpose bent? Why hide the crack at first With lies and much pretence?

Well, it's just a crack I'll turn the side to your back I'll hold you in the light Conceal the spot of crack Never to allow our break Pardon you for the mistake. My woman as aesthetic vase Fragile material of glass.

Get Together In Nccf Benue

Hello! Anybody in the house? Some voices here are such I can remember. Some numbers here are kinda familar. The slangs here I heard while in the yonder. I must be back in the family house. Yes, back into the family house. Where's Papa and Mama? Why is the kitchen void of Brothers? Can anybody provide answers? We don't want silent members. We all must come out to share our ordeals and encounters. Those we came, saw and conquered Let's share with our peers with this get together.

Gone Indeed

It's a dream Please wake me. It's not real Please tell me. It's not true Please confirm it.

How is it possible? He was strong and agile. Holding his heart's knob Silently death sneaked in Still no one saw it come. Death brushed his hair gray And caught his teeth prey

The heritage calabash is broken His lineage shalln't be forgotten. The Akoko leaf dry and fallen. The metal gong is rotten Beyond repair and amend. His royal cheers shall be missed.

Where was the guard When the calabash got smashed? Where was the maid When the leaf got fade.

He plainly made this known The thick blood and water of his own Should inherit him on the throne After his heart denies him throb. To yield to all and should not snub Then have his blessings as onion bulb.

To his princes and princesses The chiefs are yet to access Just to dropp the dreadful news That the King of J. Onad Palace Death has made him to demise.

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Good News

Do you say life's unfair? Know Satan's tool is fear. Grace is there to care To run life's lot affair.

Christ wasn't spared. He died for all despaired. Good news joyfully spread Of God's love given and shed.

His body is broken bread, You take it become holy. Christ's blood is vine wine You take it become divine

He makes light life burden. Christ's yoke, take, it's easy. All labour and heavy laden Find rest in Him and be happy

Got Her Answer

When I said I love her, She bagged lips smiley. I see the signs clearly. She's yet to just recover, Suffering from a love lie.

Seeing me one more fly Taking turn on her dead rat. She's careful to be another To fall as love of the fly. Cheats from guys in past Are as sharp as a dart Stuck within her heart.

Seeing me as a deceiver As men she beared in mind How she didn't know? Those guys she's come by, Wooed with skillful sly. Here again I'm with her. She's lost in simple mind, Drenched in my flow. Not sure the side to go.

I'm all a wonder. Am I a truthful guy? I'm just a bother. She's starry-eyed. Unforgiving makes blind. She's slow to say no.

My arm is warm on her. She needs more than that: A guy to be her guard, To help climb her mount. A guy to make her a bride Her rain in this love cloud. A guy to be her pride, To rid her heart of dart, That hurts in day and night.

Looking no more with doubt, She swings into my side. Bursting into a laugh loud, Her love story page found. I've got all her answer.

Happy Birthday

Everyday is someone's birthday. What you do or say Makes them wanna have a replay. To all those on the day who said, 'hi' Indeed you made me high. And to those who said nay, My finger in mouth I say, 'yeh.'

It is a day we wine, With good friends we go to dine. Giving you all to cool your mind. You, too, returning pleasures to be mine.

To all I come to meet in my life: Contributing one or two things to make me laugh. And to my sons and daughters in advance, I would say it and celebrate with all I have, That my best bubbling birthday falls on July.

I Pray For You

With Jesus Christ's name In whom I lay strong claim I pray and say with fame Through the faith I proclaim Doing miracles for you, too, the same.

May you reap all the good you sow No cause for you to be in sorrow God's armour shall be your own Mercy you shall have from his throne. He shall strengthen your body, soul and bone.

Coolness for you like the early stream Happy you shall be like the Lilly on the sea. Joy to your great heart esteem The wind shall blow as you need And the sun for you shall not exceed.

You shall have God's favor flowing as honey May you have everything going on accordingly, Good days you shall have full your memory, Because you shall testify to God's glory, Which you have seen and making you believing.

I'M A Beloveth

I will talk to you everyday Daily often will I pray. I will walk with you every way You teach Law of Christ to obey. I will dine with you daily Living water filling my belly.

You're a Spirit: A comforting gift; An ideal succinct Compassing saints aright; Divine form of light Illuminating hearts; Path of brightness Visioning our eyes; Lamp of our feet Guiding us safe. In You is no deceit.

Before I was impure As bad as a filthy rag. Satan knew this for sure. Sin reigned in me with brag. Sin got me tied in capture Dealing with me with torture.

Who'll hear this my whimper? Who can see cries of my heart? It's certainly one not like me. Is there anyone as helper To be my everlasting redeemer? Sin takes life for life as ransom!

There is no one on earth for me. The only price I hear is Christ, Who's left heavenly glory for me, Divine filler of the dichotomy Says my friend an evangelist. My flesh is feeble With your perfect laws. O Lord, I remain humble.

Occupied with infirmities, Sin took the best of me I was wretched and poor I decided to help myself Legalism filled my heart Displacing the space of grace.

Jesus saw my striving soul Decided to leave His throne Came to earth to draw me close Be forever with him in His home, And never leave me all alone.

Indecisive Lover

When I said I love her She nodded with a smile Leaning forward with no word She used to jump at offer From the guys in her past Who left hurts to remember

Her thoughts are loud, Guys tell the same lie. Now as a daggered heart, No more benefit of doubt. All used and it's run out.

I see in her the bother, More blood down her heart Her eyes dilate and wider Fluid finding It's way out To relieve the full bladder But I have played my part.

She really cares to know She dreads to end my flow. Other guys she's come by Do woo to home and lie Unlike our long time together She wonders my being cool guy.

I must be a guy with difference, Nursing big bird with no defense. She's careful with her response. Saving my hunter from offence.

If she resists and says 'no' There's no issue with that My butterfly will gently fly To search of a new nectar I'll find head I best cover To lay my colourful hat

Kids On The Street

The little kids on the street; Feeding and clothing they do need; To read and write is priority; Won't we rather have pity?

Please give what you would overeat And the kids will appreciate it. Please give clothes seeming over-fit, That'll provide them some winter heat.

Their mouth is dry and thirsty. Their soul seeks refreshing See our foliage littering the street Our rich stock busy begging. Despite all day's aimless wander Their tummy still strives with hunger. Poor life of kid scavenger.

No shelter to fight night cold; Any shambles would pass for that; Any rags can serve as pillow. Thanks to the stars that smile up high And the moon, regular lamp provider. Unkempt and running nose they often show.

They are nothing but church rats; Rarely around are their mothers. A family without financial powers. Young children with shattered hearts; No succour from family or state arms.

These children have their dreams But our society makes them shallow. They want to fly in the sky, But none to nurture the broods soar high. See eaglets running in mud below Unknown to them are their strong wings. As young future brought down so low Hidden to them are treasury of talents. Little confidence is in them to show For reasons you and I really know.

You and I can make them grow. With love to fill their heart's hollow. Let's provide the kids nourishing milk; Stopping their body and soul looking sick; Building their minds with viable thoughts; Abating society's immediate looming risk.

Adopt a child today;

To lovely train as yours and educate; Play, feed and clothe a child I pray; Good seeds in them we should sow. This effort surely will go a long way For you and I this act will pay.

Letter From Her

Making you smile often I try Or did I ever make you cry? Which more have you had? If all I am saying is right Say in the broad daylight. But if all is a lie Hiss and wink your eye

In minds we are now afar. The world came with its tide And a whole conscience got tied. Its flood drowned your mind. Its wind blew your stand. Your virtues got inundated

How more can you pretend? The cross line I've seen at first But with love I was full of thirst.. That veil made me unprepared. I know you wanted it end In a while you've shown to bend World Jezebels made you blend.

My food you took as poison My feelings you chose to imprison My affections you want gone soon My emotions you want frozen My gifts you want to arson My sweet ideas now you jettison

Going through her last letter Hope we see and I demand answer, ...Was that intentional? I know it's not rational To spade my heart All for all you want; To materialize your heart; All to make my effort knot; Tagging my love ephemeral. Money you take all the answer.

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Life Jacket

We all are born as humans But hunt daily as lions Rat race to make ends meet. We interact and sometimes fight, Proving inevitability of conflict.

Some days will pose as tough; Some issues may ridicule you low; Some persons will come with bluff; Just be happy making your dough. Every level of life has a devil Love is the healer of all evil.

Your past may have spots without light, Don't give up the visionary sight. Your present may not be perfectly right Move on with persistence as might. Still take doses of smile though A good make up for future that's bright

Make The Difference

I may speak of innovations You make the discoveries I speak of new changes You be the change I may speak of national challenges You be the courageous statesman I may speak of national corruption You be the national reliable treasurer I may speak..speak With no action on our national green-land You be...I mean just be The national viable germinating seed I may speak of the world's needed wind You go ahead and just be the wind-mill Wind is highly regulated by the nature Wind-mill is highly a human structure I might not have met the past greatest leader You strive so hard to e the living potential I am glad I have known YOU

YOU ARE OUR FACE OF HOPE! !!

Matters On Earth

On earth we all matter In one way or the other Liquid, gas and solid as matter Oh Earth our life provider What's made thou suffer?

Snitch our niche as space Sleep and wake, we go our pace Different turns we face Different works put in place Man is the user of your days.

Hands of men on earth Denting what we take as breath Vexing the aqua underneath Hills of junks now as sheath Effects now real then was myth.

What have we done to the timbers What's happened to Ozone layer? Liquid, gas and solid as matter Obstinate and care free still we are Minding non of its dangers.

The little we know, Has it not affected the snow? Still with actions we are slow. Yet we know no where for us to go If the sun make the earth hot to blow.

The seas and oceans clamour Hmm...! Men and nature at rancour Nature, don't stop your glamour! Little extreme harsh we'll be at terror Volcanoes and tsunami enough as horror.

All hands must be on deck

Not to make here go to wreck Stop to bleach the skin of earth Liquid, gas and solid as matter Let's join to save skin of our mother.

Mind

Stream of thoughts is a daily flow Deeper than many even do know. Taking us round on adventure To make shots with hidden camera Holding in flashes life time power.

Our will can control its shutter If cleared of weeds to grow. Our skill can tell where to venture And zeal pep it up when it's slow. Our focus can say when to capture, If disciplined not to chatter.

The genius are handy in its studio Turning negative to affectionate picture. Life trials challenge who they are As they explore the mind for their idea. In it they know is store of treasure As ship wrecked with spoil long ago. They search valuables lost to appear. Trailblazing mind can nothing compare!

My Father

My father Gone so afar Nowhere not around Far afield he's not found Whose got words from his side

My father He opens his eyes When I close mine Clearly attentive are his ears When I hear no sounds

Sleep once took me to some miles Welcome he said as he pats He kissed and gave me enchants Feel comfortable he said in his arms Weary after I traversed his gates

Gone so soon to the foreign terrain I request what he keeps as discern From here and where I maintain His fore-fathers called Their tempo soaring more and more

Who is disturbing my trance? Fading the vision I had by chance. Shortening what's offered just in distance. Not knowing it was my mummy Calling at me and joyfully saying It's early morning, Dare, darling! Gazing straight into her eyes Couldn't hold what's in my heart. My father!

Newbie Girl

To a girl with little sense, Enough of gullible scent. Allure no unhelpful insect Invading nursery fence. Guy as a wandering ant Aiming whack of naughty act Bit by bit bites into nest.

In pursuit of sugary content He's friend for self interest. Virtuous girls on his duress Only few pass his bed test. Refrain from one he's to mess.

On you he's placed a bet With friends he told you've bent. To show he's best potent Your vestal he needs to dent.

Such guys decoy respect Against your self intent. They are perverse, Lavishing up to last cent But rich in lustful accent.

Aren't you to them a pest? You feast where they manifest. You wear sleek and loosely dress Upon fit skimpy mini skirt With feet wears-like for conquest. Bearing face with mixture paint You cat-walk out of being saint. Modesty blind in your closet.

Guys eyes bulge within socket Tongues roll to quench lustful thirst. Mouths running wanting a taste Courtesy your cheap jingled fest.

Nigeria, Patches Or Incisions?

Awake, Nigeria! It's broad daylight To consider the parts you unite.

Oh! See parts with injuriesDeterring your giant might.We'll run for surgeriesTo disjoint these infected parts.

Ah! What if it's cancerous That's spread before we're apart? This to young and old is riddle, No one left to be idle.

'Omo Na Bouncing'

I wrote a poem for you, That when you feel blue, On that particular day noon, I asked of you and knew, Your bone was feeble, And your skin was pale.

Straight I went to kneel. With my eyes up to the hill, Joining hands above my waist. I prayed to God that can redeem, To heal Bayo heading class-team, And his body not to be a waste.

Now I'm happy to see you lean On this tree that I can see. Though it shows you now look slim Death not taking your sports dream Even when it posed its darkness gleam.

Glory be to God you are still standing Your body fat got fried through heating, You prove to be 'Omo Na Bouncing.'

One's Life-Time

You are alive due to a life, Pay your due while still alive. Everyday's due is dew payable to life. You are alive because of a life, Take your whole life not to take a life.

Be not hasty to give up an owed life The Mighty giver-up calls shots to life. There's life in each and every life. Live and let room to the other life.

Friendly opposites meet to start a life.Oppose unfriendly meeting to stop a life.The first labour is sweet play to conceive a life.The second harbour pain displayed to release a life.

Happiness is oil to lamp of life.Laughter is thread to bright lamp of life.Hope is case holding oiled thread of life.Love is place bearing bright light of life.Make your work none to walk dark side of life.

Help others that try find light in life.Make yoke light for others try in life.Direct others' spotlight on the stage of life.Being a light to the next life,Could delight heart of a vexed life.

You may not know to write a memoir while alive. Memory will be in life you impacted when alive. When you illuminate paths of others alive, You'll be followed as match played live.

Purposeful

Stop the pity; If that's what you do. Help the needy; That's what we should do.

Life's a big tree with deep root. Find the branch you best fit, Working wholly without mischief.

There's some source way within; Which a drop to many is a relief; Finding it's path to freely flow; But little as aid you do know. If even with no definite reason, Everything's got it's season. Each can be evergreen!

Rain

Heavenly rain as ribbon Fancifully falling on earth. When the surfaces no longer hold Travels beneath terrain's path.

Nothing's to the thread Of a cloud fully fed. When through it's pores bleed It's crucial to herbs and weed.

Seed clothing can't be denied. With it we less talk of draught Full of food to talk less of naught

Children running in it yet bold Unyielding much warnings. Loving this nature brings Trading games in it for scold Though some yell its cold To many it's funs unfold.

More beautifully this event comes. When the dark colour gives way, For hidden red hot ball swings to play Then seeing lines of seven colours As what the sky rainbow pays.

Right With Me

I carry you right with me All through the slight of daylight Even through the sight of the night. Long the journey may seem Intemperance from the task is weary But your hedonism in me is worthy.

You in me, I'm full of esteem To keep you always in my dream. My chosen prodigy you are Profligate my colleagues think you are I say, 'Leave me and her! Everyday she makes me newer.'

I have set you on my computer To be the first I see as my theme Your entries I have on my blog With that I have a traffic mad rush

Your thoughts in me is a slog Why should I blush? My shyness goes to mooch When you're around, right with me. When not, you're right in me!

Runs Babes

Where is decency in quest for beauty? Merely lost on transit with no dignity Without ruining shame of nudity, Females' pricey parts are patronized Oh! Lustful nurses to those customized

Is there honesty in fast earned money That dreads sweat and mental strength? Only to slurp with pleasurable friends While the scammed linger on in tears. With time your plucked rose will fade

You strive in toil of the social grills Claiming it's means to clear your bills. Failing to fathom the damning abuse Of natural body parts wrongly in use. With time you'll pay in full length.

You rip people off their daily bread Teasing unresisting eyes in clubs. Your victims leak sustained wounds The short flirt blindfolded their eyes Now anguishly counting their losses.

You're now watched as public dogs Age won't stop to gain its proximity You'll be dummy in skimpy dresses Seeing you only as misplaced beauty Worst in honour for kids to copy.

Servitude

There seems some now are far fetched. Their real selves gone beyond our forest. They've travelled with the wind. Always the new world is where to rest. That is what they've all day dreamt.

We use them often as woods; To cook and make our meals; Daily their heat we want to burn; Really their feelings we do get burnt. We cater to suffer as humvee breed.

Would you in this like to born? Human seeds have grown to trees. Bent and cut by scary rare species? No, the torture is from near beings. They are people nature gave same their own But treat their fellows as nature disown. "Life is unfair, " we often say and pray. But what of others, we naturally prey?

The Clarion Call

The intellect lack in convictions Their optimism begs for cognizance The mediocre are very passionate Flaunting ideas which are obstinate Apathy of the fervent in politics, How long shall we be at this stalemate?

A country full of wealth of resources Yet having poverty among her citizens Can't even stand tall among her peers With arable lands for foods and exports Hunger much around still doing exploits. Her wealth lust after foreign produce Who'll cure this seemingly madness?

Present leaders often blame past regime Inciting hope in us for a difference Thinking they'll make real our dream Ending up with failed campaign promises Leaving our national pride yet to redeem Nowhere to go with these demagogues Who'll save this our drowning nation?

Speak up if you're the one! We're tired of these corrupt politicians, Who've damaged integrity of our nation. They're leopards with unchanging spots We need a real patriot to be our champion

The Patriotic Champion

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Times Of Sickness

In times of sickness, Being idle like ant in the nest All day long you have to rest Food or water make you incense Weakness in lots one obsess.

For hearing and seeing, Like fog they are fainting Your skin goes to pale Your bone to lift as stone Not wanting to shiver Seems one has no liver

When the wind blows little You feel like one in shuttle Or just when in it's highest Having the feeling of Everest It's dreadful time to experience

From people you want caress Their gorgeous hands forth Their warm hands stretched With accolades non-stopped. Like magical known shrub Your illness is near to halt. Often all take you to right course.

One wonders joy and happiness Working perfectly as shrub. It's a therapy doctors can't snub Joy and happiness given to patience Effecting change to those in depress.

How worse can it be, to be ill With cure up on the hill? No lover around to come by Nor passers to stop by Death to such I see imminent Hell or heaven have ghost sent. We all need someone around, In times of sickness to be at hand. Taking our medications to recover With shrubs our sickness we maneuver Joy and happiness too, I discover.

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In November we come to gather Just to cherish you our mother In tongues we indeed differ But we are one under your umbrella.

Now, ISL, we talk about your good ways Which give us a good say amongst our mates...

Walking Corpse

I have seen God work; Spirit in speed yielding His words; Angels busy actualizing His works. Heaven and earth are His designs Firmly formed on pillars of the sea.

All trees today were pronounced seed: Commanding the hand-course of wind Fresh air fills where he holds life to see Essential for creations to breed.

I have seen God speak: It goes with fear and trembling. Stronger than lion's roaring; Deeper than whale's swimming; Louder than elephant's trumpeting; Faster than cheetah's running; Sweeter than bird's singing;

And flower's morning opening. Still men yet behold his beauties Claiming aloof of divine majesty To stand at least of God's glory. All men were molded just as cookies. To them He gave creation authority All are awesome and amazing!

Still but are men with eyes yet blind? With life but walk the place of the dead? Only fools tread the ways of the ingrates; Which fast aid the digging of their graves. Their mouths are slippery and lack braces They are bankrupt of morals and modesty

They suffer wrath of cancer of mouth Lacking witty words in their dictionary. Having cholera incessantly purging folly The longing in their gathering is of idiocy They spread fast and recruit amoral brethren Seize to be no one egg hatch by their hen.