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Ahmed Gumaa Siddiek Mohammed, was born in Erahad in Kordofan - Sudan in 1957. He got his BA in English with MERIT from Khartoum University in 1982, an MA in Translation from the Islamic Institute for Translation in Khartoum, and an M.Ed. in teaching English as a Foreign (TEFL) from University of Juba -Sudan in 2001. He got his Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics with EXCELLENT in Language Assessment in 2004 from Omdurman Islamic University-Sudan. Since then, Dr. Siddiek has been lecturing in Sudan and Saudi Arabia. He published many articles in ELT Peer-Reviewed journals in USA, UK, Canada, Finland, Australia, India and Sudan.

He wrote in different topics in language and education. His academic work is widely cited by scholars from all over the world in Google Scholars. He can be visited at (https: //scholar.google.com/citations? user=jejCsoAAAAAJ&hl=en) . Dr. Siddiek visited Europe, USA and Canada many times. He attended conferences and read papers in Harvard and Purdue in USA. His papers were also accepted in other places such as France, Canada and UK. He is the Author of five books:

1. Assessment of the Sudan School Certificate English Examinations'

2. Language Challenges in Post-War Sudan.

3. At the Edge of the Primeval Forest, by Albert Schweitzer (Noble winner), translated from English into Arabic.

4. Foreign Consuls and Consultes in Sudan (1830-1830), translated from Arabic.

5. Lithographic Press in Sudan, translated from Arabic.

Dr. Siddiek's major fields of interest are language testing, language planning, translation & teacher training. He is a member of editorial Boards of many ELT international journals. He has a collection of poems in which he addressed sociocultural, political and environmental issues at regional and international levels. He is now associate professor in applied linguistics in Al-Zaeem Al-Azhari University and an associate fellow at Khartoum University in Sudan.

#### Trans-Atlantic On Slave Ship

It was an early morning in my village When left my family in their cottage And stealthily went, as to be the first To fetch some fruit, from the forest

My village peacefully slept under the mountain Enjoying the healthy air and the generous rain Where my tribe had been living for years Everything was grown and shared with peers Our farms were rich with types of grains And the good sky did never cease to rain

So, our stores were full of types of food For family and everyone in neighborhood We were rich and rich enough We had beautiful girls to love Ready to give children, birth after birth We were the happiest men on earth

Our villages in peace did they remain With green plains and continuous rains The tribe wellbeing was maintained By wise women and bravest men

We had time to love, to wed and time to fight We had time to sing under the moon's bright light And we had time to grow and enjoy the food And time to converse and dance in the wood

We had the learning to raise the cattle And plenty of arts and wood to whittle. We had the time to go to battle We were able to read And we were able to write

We know arithmetic and religion, too We had time to worship the God In only ONE we believed, not in two Our elders had time for beautiful tales

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To teach the boys and teach the girls And we had skills to treat all the ails.

We learned to count our cattle and sheep We knew when our crops were ready to reap We had the skills to get water from the deep earth And the knowledge to tell the coming of birth

We knew all about stars in the sky We knew how to cook and bake a pie And all about the wealth in the ground And how to decipher the echo of the sound

So, when we beat our drums during the night That was to make ready for a fight And when we beat our drums during the day That was to celebrate a wedding day

But when we send the smoke signs to our kin It is to warn them, not to be taken by a sudden It was to tell the advance of some enemies And be ready with the fighting ceremonies

So, we had a culture when you came to our land And took our races chained hand in hand To plant cotton and sugar on your sand Millions of black fellows had long to stand Under the burning sun, they were to remand

When your white ships anchored at our coast Everything had gone astray, and we were lost With your guns you came to hunt men and boast And displaced my race to paying the heaviest cost

That was one early morning and that was my last day When I last saw the green plains where I used to play In a slave ship across the Atlantic I made my way To the new world with historical dismay Where we were displaced, enslaved and forced to stay

#### Run To Win

Run girl, run, till you catch the sun Run to win or run for mere fun Run, stop not for a while. If could not defeat your fate Then, you can make him wait Never be slow, nor be late Let the shadows run after you Never stop to see or look behind, You just go Take the lead and be the guide To goals, you have to ride Ride with wide full stride Move like a hurricane Move like a tide Wash everything before you and swiftly dash You are sure where to go Your goal is still far beyond, But you know how to reach to them unter.com you are young, nothing will let you down You will win the race and get the crown

#### Did The Elephant Fly? Did The Rhino Lay Eggs?

Did The Elephant Fly Or The Rhino Lay Eggs? I feel sad as sadness could be Cause I'm afraid that one day; I may not be able to say; To my grandchildren, why animals deserted our planet And why all birds fled away

I am afraid to give a lie As I would be sorry not to justify How the African elephant had disappeared? And why? And how the African elephant looked like? Was the African elephant as heavy as a fly? Was the African elephant as big as a frog? Or did it simply look like a dog?

I would feel very sorry not to justify How fish disappeared from the sea? As there is no fish in the sea No longer could they see

I wonder, what I would say to my grandchildren! When they would ask me some years to come And to talk to them about animals And teach them some beautiful tales How beautiful those animals were! But what knowledge do you think I would share! !

What should I say, plz tell me? Just tell me What my answer should be? When they would ask me And insist to know all about Zebra Was a Zebra as huge as a nuclear plant? And was it as clever as an ant? Was it as fat as a rat? But I could only say it was black and white With distinctive stripes Then my wisdom would not serve me that day It would escape me and let me unable to say How big the elephant was? Could I tell them it was as big as their school? Then what about the giraffe? Could I say some of them were short? And some of them were tall? Is it enough to say they were coloured With black and yellow and white spots And they could run as fast as your car But not faster than the Tiger or the Jaguar?

And what should I tell them about the lion? He was said to be the King of all animals! ! Was it true? I am afraid not to be able to define the lion Did it fly like a U.S fighting airplane? Or was it as fierce as a Russian submarine?

Retajj, my granddaughter, might want to know All about crocodiles How they happened to disappear from the Nile? Could I say that they had evaporated like water in the sun? Or could I tell her that to heaven, they had all gone? Or could I say that they were just stolen by someone?

And Lojjain, another young lady Might want to know all about Rhinos! ! Were they like birds laying eggs? And were their eggs as big as rocks? Were they like human beings walking on two legs? Did the Rhinos eat butter and bread? And did they enjoy milk with hot chocolate? Were they white, black or brown? Was a rhino so strong to tear down a big tree? With its magic horn when he was made angry And was he so brave to fight Even-his shadow in the night?

Ahmed, my grandson, He is a smart boy, with a vision And wide i-m-a-g-i-n-a-a-a-tion He will need explannnnnations Very good explannnnations, And scientific justificaaaaaaations, From the whole world, from the whole nations To tell him how the sharks disappeared from the oceans? And the dolphin, friendly and clever was said to be? And was it true that she did save many drowning souls Then how did it happen that we have killed them all?

Oh, my dear human comrades, it would be too late To answer such questions, but try at any rate, For the sake of these generations, just try To give answers for their W.H.Y. Yes, human comrades, TRY with a T.R.Y For the sake of grandsons and granddaughters You need to wade the deepest waters To fish answers and justify... And clearly tell them why, Why the fish deserted the sea? And why the forests are void of chimpanzee? And why is the sky, Free of birds that used to fly? And why is the soil poor of plants? Insects, rats and poor of ants WHY and WHY? You need to justify,

Why the world is bare of green trees And why the trees are bare of fruit and leaves? You need to say where all the forests had gone? Then, since you won't be able to answer this quizz, Of those beautiful kids, so quit, plz

You would better spare them their earth As they might be able to restore HER health And that beautiful world again And they might raise the beautiful life That had once been before the war Rich with green trees, singing birds, colorful fish, With animals, full with happiness and rich And that would be their second Birth On a second Earth

## I Have A Dream For 2024 2024

I have a dream that you no more Rate me with the colour of the skin And that you will not Judge me in terms of my kith my kin And that my pigmentation Will no longer be the mark of my nation To determine my social situation And that the color of my eye Is no a sign of any indication And that the touch of my hair Won't count for race categorization I have a dream that children of the nation Will only be judged by the mere education I have a dream that my country Will be the happiest in the century

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#### To The Soul Of Ustaz Ahmed Alkhair

The Sudanese revolution began in the Classroom Then boomed from Kassala to Khartoum To spread the light of education From the North to the West, From the South to the East And paved the way for the nation To attain emancipation But the killers were faster To put out the candle That you used to handle And plant the pleasure of learning in our children, In our women and men They killed the teacher Who paves the way for the future The future of all kids They killed the man with a (tool) In cold blood, with flood of blood They made the (hole) Not in his body but in his soul In the soul of the whole generations In fact, in the soul of all the nation With pain, with great pain They hurt the spirit of our children As they pierced their daggers in their little hearts Deprived them from the science and the arts When the kids came to school that day They were all happy and gay Ready to learn the ABC and some arts But when the lesson was about to start They found out with all the dismay That their teacher was unable to show up And he was late for that day But nobody dared to tell them the truth or say Why the teacher was late And the only thing they had to know That (Ahmed Alkhair) had passed away To pave the way for their bright future Because he was their teacher

He was the only one among the few Who really knew How to make them refined with knowledge Equipped with skills To handle the pen, not the gun To write and spell and not to kill But always learn with pleasure and fun And think high And spire to the sky But to think high And spire to sky With great imagination Through the pleasure of education He was the one who used to make them hopeful Happy and joyful But the killers took off his soul And terminated his role To educate and please the boys and girls Of the Sudan Ahmed Alkhair, We are all ashamed to tell the story that took place And the news that spread through the space We are all ashamed to tell the story that was to boom From Kassla to Khartoum And sadly leaked into our classrooms Into the ears of the kids To betray the killers Who denied the role of the teacher Who makes the future And engineers the fate of all nations Through the pleasure of education Ahmed Alkhair May your soul rest in peace in your holy place We hope in peace you sleep But we, we will keep, to cry and weep The fate of the teacher, the fate of all teachers And the fate of our future Ahmed Alkhair We are ashamed to tell the story And all embarrassed To go through details We are sorry, we're so sorry

To tell only some of your story But peacefully sleep in your last resort We will take revenge As long as we live, a couple of years Or a whole of an age

\*Ahmed Alkhair was a secondary school science teacher, who had been tortured to death by inserting an iron bar in his back. He bled to death, in Kassala in East Sudan. About 30 of the criminals had been sentenced to death, but they were set out free after the war that erupted in April 15,2023

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#### It Was A Dream. Just A Dream

It was just a dream, A strange dream Only a dream That I saw the Janjaweed offering the sweet in Omdurman Then I saw Al-Burhan, leading the 'Eid prayers in Port Sudan I saw the elephant in the streets of Khartoum Walking with a leisurely pace Leaning on a big stick with a smile on his round face Then in McDonald's, I saw the crocodile Having a snack and tea, with milk by the Nile I saw the monkey in the barbers' shop, on the hill Cutting hair of a young customer, with great skill Drawing beautiful whiskers, but with a heavy bill I saw the frog in a dark corner, sipping Coca Cola Elegant in his new green shirt, with a wide collar And a red tie dangling from his short neck, with a shining colour Smoking the Havana's Cigar with great pleasure As if he got all the world's treasure I saw the fox playing very hard A tennis game with the rooster In the goat's backyard It was just a dream That I saw the caterpillar In love affair with the cockroach In a public bathroom in the city of Khartoum It was a dream, just a dream To see the giraffe as an emcee Serving coffee with hot cream To the rhino and his hippo spouse With a thick lipstick in her mouth It was a dream, to collect my clothes From a laundry skillfully run by the dog The cashier was a young frog In her latest fashion A silk blouse and skirt of cotton

From Christian Dior Elegant in her Parisian style And happy, with her beautiful smile Then I saw the bitch Mating on the beach With only one male! ! What a horrible a tale? I also saw the snail In his armored cover He is so clever Licking ice-cream with chocolate flavor Then I saw all the animals gathering in the forest Celebrating the marriage of the hyena and the gazelle The lion was there, on his royal chair And the donkey leading the choir It was a happy event of marriage Then the bride and the bridegroom Were politely invited by the raccoon To spend their honeymoon In his marvelous home In the out-skirt of Khartoum And I saw a fleet of birds congregating in a morning prayers Led by the owl with green spectacles With a long tanned beard And a yellow turban on his bald head Muttering secret words from a book that he read Then it was a pleasure to see the salmon fish In the court of law playing the role of judge Young and full of hope With a white wig on her head and a reddish robe Then I saw the white shark, flying a jumbo jet She was beautiful, with a black mole on her cheek Flying from Guantanamo to Philippines with great wit Escorted by crews of crows serving tea with mint I saw the rat dating the cat In her modern luxurious saloon In the out-skirt of Khartoum Where they sat down reading Alice in the Wonderland Happily, cracking peanuts on the sand And sometimes cracking dirty jokes I saw the lion and the tiger But frankly, I did not see the fox

Together they were running a dialogue About the metaphysical elements in modern poetry And post-war drama in Broadway theatres They also talked about the BLUES of Langston Hughes With reference to NY and Harlem But with different views On Fukuyama's End of History And later, they dealt with some Chemistry The problem with the carbon dioxide They also talked about Dr. Jackle and Mr. Hide I saw the turtle and the rabbit on the CNN on a chat Running a dialogue about peace on earth Philosophizing the fate of the human faith Exploring the Digital Native era Sorry for the Digital Refugees like me And the Digital Immigrants like you They were trying hard with positive words To Solve the Digital Divide of the Third World And fill the Gap of Education Among all the Human Nations And the last of my dreams were happy dreams That I saw human beings having some dreams like me With happiness on their black, red and white faces Yes, I saw happiness on all human races The Sudanese were there, too! ! Women in their beautiful thobes And men in their white fluffy robes And children with different ages and hopes All were busy with others Stitching the Ozone Layer with Golden Needles And planting seeds of love in the sea deserts Watering them with their teardrops Yes, with their own teardrops. Then I saw the seeds grow faster with plenty of crops I saw them picking up fruits from the stars With different taste, size and colours And giving them freely, to the poor children of the world Including all the children of the Sudan aahmedgumaa@yahoo.com

#### Human Shields

Why do you hide behind my back? So as not to be killed or tracked?

I am not a soldier I've no gun on the shoulder I do neither give the order To do you any harm or pain I am a mere civilian, I am soooooo plain With only bare hands

I could only raise my voice to say the (NO) But I always obey the law

I've no training to defend myself or my family, so Why do you follow me like my shadow? You go wherever I go And you do whatever I do

Why do you trace my walk? Emile Uniter Com And smile when I smile And talk the way I talk

Is it a game of fun? To put me in the mouth of your gun

But when it is up there, when you see the fire... Like a coward you make the run

To seek refuge under my feet In the muddy street

Why do you soldier make shield of me? To save your soul and seek safety You dirty, that is dirty! !

How dare you shoot your enemy from my shoulder? Then you come to hide behind me, I am not the wall, I am not tree! ! I am not a soldier I am not the one who gave the order

Why did you force me into a role I would never choose? This twisted game, where danger is free and loose And death bragging in the streets of my town So, step down

Set free my back I will not follow your track

Just stand up on your feet Be brave and face your fate That you have been trained to meet You the swine... That war I did not choose This war is not mine

#### My Daddy Passed Away

Seven months ago, my daddy passed away He passed away He was not allowed to stay for another day To say the final say

He left me alone in a rough sea He did not finish the story, he was telling me He left me to guess, how the end could be! !

Oh, Daddy I am not that very smart To do things, the way you do the art Alone in the middle of the sea, he left me He knew that I cannot swim To reach the shore without him

My Daddy leaked away Like the thin air through the door He will never come back, Or appear in the corridor

I'm so sorry, I am so sorry Not to know the end of the story

He was my daylight He was so bright, And knew what was good for me, And what was right

Bu alas, the whole wisdom has gone With all the fun, with all the pun And I was done

I was lonely left, to go the long way Stumbling through the dark A prey for snakes on the road Or a victim for the shark

Daddy was my reference book

Where I used to look, to find solutions Without hesitation, for every situation

I remember when together we go to the doctor You did never tell the truth or explain But I used to guess how much was the pain But because you were strong and brave, You did never make much complain

You were too wise, Dad, with great imagination! ! A whole library has left the destination, Had all gone, so what have you left for the nation? Who will provide the best education for this generation?

We are left alone to strive for life No more words to read and no more sounds Hundreds of books buried in the grounds So, will there be some more rounds?

Dad, I am so sorry, You did not stay, to tell me the rest of the story But nevertheless, I will restless, try to guess And solve the whole quiz,

So, Daddy, go to sleep in peace, in your last resort accompanied with the call of the whole family to dwell in the eternal paradise You were so kind and so wise So may Allah have mercy on your soul And on our poor souls, in whole

#### War At My Door

Helpless because of the war

This is an urgent telegram to General Burhan and General Daglo to stop the war and step down.

I did never think of war to knock at my door I am helpless because of war And because of war I can't leave my door

I cannot reach my money To draw one single penny As the bank is either closed Or robbed by the mobs Or run short of any...

So, I cannot buy milk for the children Or medicine for myself Or food for my family And cannot fetch wood To cook the food Because of war

I cannot sleep at night Due to the heavy fight Close to my house One on the left, The other one is on the right

Because of war I cannot see my wife I cannot draw so near To say some words in her ear to soothe her fear Because of war

I cannot speak to my grandchildren And cannot talk with the family As the family all strives To secure their lives Under the staircase Or in the basement room For the fear of shells That come like hell

And due to the fear of guns There is no way to run As they send their fire To hit everyone, everywhere, Hitting men, in their shops Women, in their kitchens busy with their jobs Children, in their cradles Boys, in the playground full with joys And girls, with their toys Human or animals Dogs sometimes All... fear the war And fear the mines That may explode at any time To kill everything that can walk, Creep or that can talk

Because of war I could not talk to my mother, or my father To my sister or my brother And I could not speak to my neighbour At the next door Because of the war

Because of war I can not walk freely in the street For the fear of the (SPAF) Antonov\* That shell the city with bombs Or the fear of the (RSF) with Kalashnikov They took my neighbor's house and his car Kept his family as human shield And destroyed his field

Because of war The dead bodies in the streets of my town Have nobody to bury them down So, they became festivals for dogs, And meals for worms in the ground

And because of war

The green trees- shyly- have their heads come down Silently, weep the fate of the people and the fate of the town The fate of the Sudan, that - shamefully - runs the worst war, In the modern human history! in the twenty-first century! ! So, my LORD, may YOU have mercy, On my people and my country

Notes: The emergency room south of the belt in Khartoum reported that 18 civilians were killed and others were wounded, as a result of heavy artillery shells falling on the neighborhoods of Al-Azhari and Salama, immediately after the end of the one-day truce.

\*SPAF: Sudanese People' Armed Forces \*RSF: Rapid Support Forces (militia)

#### **Troops Everywhere**

The troops are everywhere Playing with fire In the streets of my town in the streets of Khartoum

They play the games with the guns, They shoot at everyone For mere fun

Machines on their shoulders They can shoot you down, for no good reason But to please their fellow soldiers Happy to carry out all the orders, and to disobey the law

They play the judge with grudge. So, in a minute or two, they can decide on you On your whole fate, they do not need to wait, for you to make your defence They decide your case To shoot you right down on the face or break your leg or hand or may kill you and send your body down, in the dusty sand, the sand of your own town

The troops... robbing, looting my town plundering and thieving my town shooting and killing, my town And shouting with joy and victory as if they are writing the new human history With their guns

And when they sat down to rest, at the end of the day, when the kids are out to play, They would think which school to shoot or rape As they have raped the whole nation and made a hole, In the flesh AND deeply in the soul

#### The War At My Door

War at my Door 18 April 2023, Cairo

I did never think of war To knock at my door Like a hated visitor, coming from the dark With an open mouth, like a shark

I did never think of death Stealthily creeping through the wall To snatch the soul of the girl With hell, with a shell

It aimlessly came from the blue With no warning clue Then went into the flesh like a nail To hit the girl Right down on the head To send her dead And the mother too, broke With a stroke Sending her last words It was a curse 'Oh my God, Curse on them'

The hell is breeding in the streets of my town Everything is coming down The war did really start And things began to fall apart

Military trucks on the roads Planes in the skies Machine guns and smoke in the eyes Soldiers with terrible cries

Snipers on the roofs Skillfully doing their dirty jobs Killing all the hopes Hopes of the People, Of the trees, Of the dogs And hopes of the rocks All were all terrified, did not know where to go To save their souls As planes still sent the bombs At houses and break the walls, Destroying the last glimpse of hope

The soldiers were raping the streets with killing machines Roaming from place to place claiming victory In my beloved country, in deserted cemetery That went into sand And longer that peaceful piece of land Oh my Lord, I did never think of war To knock at my door Harvesting the souls of my innocent people in their innocent country

#### The Freedom March

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I t was a normal day For a normal boy To feel that joy

He was planning to cross the bridge To join the freedom march And because he was only a little lad He did not think to tell his mother or his dad

So he put on his most beautiful suit And polished his new boot

Then he set away On his way To start the freedom journey By joining the march In the middle of March

Still it was a normal day For a normal boy To see the soldiers Heavy with guns on their shoulders and gave the orders In the streets of his town

Armed with a small flag At school gates With his mates

He was about to shout To call THEM out But at the moment, The sniper sent a shot on the spot To hit the boy To terminate his joy He hit him right down on the head And got him dead He deprived the boy to march In the middle of March

#### Return To Spy On Your Facebook

Then I've returned once again, I return To spy on your Facebook Still, the same beautiful look The lips, fresh and full of joy A pleasure to enjoy, the return, once again Then the surprise The same slimness of the size And the same bright eyes Full of beautiful lies By the way, I know I really know when you bite the lower lip And twist your mouth to make a lie But that did never escape my eye But the age, what the age? You still twenty-two Although an age had gone And wall has grown between me and you Fifteen years ago We celebrated your twenty- two And still you are those twenty-two You have must have bargained with time Of course, lady, this is no crime But I still try to build a siege Round your cage Despite the time And in spite of my age

#### The Lord And The Sword

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The Imam of the Ansar Abdurahman Almahdi was a member of a delegation who visited Britain to congratulate the victory of the British Empire in War World 1. The Imam wanted to show loyalty to King George V by presenting the symbolic Sword of the Imam Almahdi with which the Mahdi had defeated the ancestors of George and drove them from the Sudan. But George politely and cunningly refused the present and asked the Imam to go back to defend the Empire with the same sword that had driven the British away from the country.

The Imam said: Your Royal Highness King George of the British Empire, The King of everywhere On the earth Or underneath Greetings to your highness wreath

Let me my Lord, me your obedient Servant Abdurrahman Almahadi from Sudan To declare in your Stately Palace My absolute gratitude and happiness For the victory you have made on your enemies I am here my Lord, to congratulate you And show loyalty and humbleness Under the eve witness Of the whole world That, I - with my whole physical sober mind With my eyes fully opened, not shut or blind And as decedent of the Great Mahdi To kneel down And kiss your royal Crown Then offer you the Mahdi's Sword As a token of royalty And punishment cord In your hands, King George, My Lord Then the King polity and cunningly thanked the guy And said with joy Spare the sword to defend the empire From enemies in the Sudan or else where God bless you Abudarahaman

The Imam of Sudan

#### A Farewell To Arms

Dedicated to the Demonstrators of December 30,2021 condemning the Military Coup d'état of General Burhan on 25 October 2021

To soldiers! All soldiers! ! With different Ranks and Orders ... Put down the guns and go away With no more say Step down and leave the town And see how your work was badly done? When you used the gun! !

You are not to blame but ME, As we have equipped you with machines Guns, tanks and planes And even submarines We gave you the best training to kill the enemy But instead; you turn to kill the guts of me In cold blood with our own guns Then you make the run Is killing just a game or a piece of fun?

Soldiers ... It is high time that you have gone And left the stage for someone To cultivate the seeds of happiness in ours sand And take care of the people and the land

Our expectations were so high That our soldiers were able to defend our land Our seas and our sky That our soldiers could die! ! For good reasons as martyrs And they could face all the fires With bare chest for the sake of the country And change the course of all history

But they used all the machines to kill their own nation Who afforded their higher Education In the military college To gain skills and gain the knowledge To build the nation and pave the passage But the savage, Only learned to make the damage And kill Sudanese In the town and the village

Soldiers you only understand the language of orders SO, PUT DOWN THE GUNS AND GO And to be sure and true We won't be sorry to miss any ONE of YOU As we no longer want to see your dirty face We have begun the race So (plz) quit and leave the place

Soldiers...

You only understand the language of orders So it is high time to quit to the barracks Or to the boarders We pay a farewell to the ARM To welcome FREEDOM, JUSTICE and SALAM

## No! !

NO! ! No|! Just an (N) and an (O) No and still NO Hot as fire or cold as snow It will stay That way And you know Why it is a no So... It will remain unveiled A story that will never be told Or retold Until over-aged and old It will remain that secret, Among the three You, me and the tree.
# Oxygen For George Floyd

Floyd under the cop's knees Pleaded twelve times, Twelve times to breathe He asked for the cheap air But the cop was unfair He denied him the oxygen The free gift of the Lord And continued to press on the spinal cord And beneath, Floyd could not afford His soul began to leak from the body Slowly leaking from his body And gasping for the last breath, He saw his creeping death He was forced to the ground Uttering a fading sound But the cop continued to press on his neck While another cop by the side Showing all the pride In his official American suit oot Uniter Com Marching up and down in his heavy boot Playing with his gun on his waist, Ready to shoot Under the witness of the whole American nation The man lost his soul For no good reason But for the blackness of his face That was all the case Oh. My Lord. Bless all of us And bless the black human race It is a pity to lose your soul For mere pigmentation Under the eye of the laws of the biggest nation Masters of the earth! ! So Floyd who was an athlete, And who was smart, friendly and tall Lost his soul Because of the color of his face And because of the color of your face;

Here you may lose your case And because of the color of your eye Here you may simply die For mere bad reason, Not for real treason But of the fear, of mere lack of air You may run short of breath And face your death

# The Speech Of Mohammed Nagii Al-Assusm, The Mirabeau Of The Sudanese Revolution

on the eve of signing of documents for the transitional period ?August 17 2019

Your speech flared up the hall And made the audience call Your name with good blessings Your speech came out to reach the heart A masterpiece of art that touched every part

It made life dance with joy Of the little girl and the boy Your words pierced through the body Addressing every single hair Reaching everywhere To make pleasure through the flesh of our nails With those beautiful details

They traveled in the pore of the skin With no permission Penetrated through the vein Then came down as drops of rain Into the brain of the nation

Then injected happiness in the marrow To make us enjoy the life of today And the pleasure of tomorrow And forget all about the sorrows

Your words leaked through the air Soothing, musical and fair Moving the feelings And made the healing Of long sickness With pleasure and happiness

Your speech came into our ears Like spears to get rid of our fears They opened the gate And emancipated the nation from the fatal fate To enjoy with full rate And go the new journey with joy Equipped with dreams and screams of pleasure

Your words draw us back from the lost history They restored our dignity Into the soul of the country And brought our soil the lost fertility

So we can dig the earth once again And seed the land With hopes in every piece of sand

Sir, we have got your message That paved the passage To this new generation To build up the future of the nation

# The One Thousand Miles Journey Begins Today

This poem is dedicated to Omer Adegair - shedding tears of (happiness and sadness) . This poem is dedicated to the young Sudanese generation who made the change with bare hands in their peaceful uprising of December 2018\*

Let's begin the march The one thousand miles today And pave the way To build the new Soodan And draw the name of this country In the book of the human history Let us begin the march Let's begin with a wide stride With full pride And ride the one thousand miles Over deserts and across the Nile To freedom, justice and peace And draw on the happy faces millions of smiles Let us begin the march Let's celebrate the birth of new generations Equipped with better education To be the best of all the nations Let's begin the dreams of freedom, justice and peace Let's begin the race Let us begin the march And we have done We have started the run And it was no surprise We made it and won the prize We went the one thousand miles distance To freedom with resistance Hand in hand as twins We have crossed and made the wins The one thousand miles begins today With high dreams we go the long way Together we build schools for children Where they can study and learn And spend some of the day Drawing animals and trees And play games in peace

And rejoice With loud voices Pleased with their toys And full with joys Then we build roads from the north to the east From the south to the west So the farmer can happily go to sell his goods And because he is the one who provides the foods, We will thank him for his work With a dispensary to cure his family And care for his newborn in the new Soodan Where every child, woman or man Can practice happiness with no fear In a free democratic atmosphere And we all aspire for prosperity With dignity Among the nations of the world With pride and integrity With unity and solidarity To achieve the big dreams in a new country

\*Omar Adegair is the President of the Sudanese Congress Party, who shed tears of happiness and sadness when he was assigned to read the speech of the Civilian Negotiators with the Military Junta at the event of coming to an agreement about the Constitutional Declaration in Khartoum on August 4 2019

### Killing The Schoolboy

Dedicated to the lost souls of the schoolboys and schoolgirls of El-Obied Massacre in Kordofan July 29,2019

He was only a schoolboy, on his way to school He was thirteen, slim and tall

Unaware of the world around him He was about to start his school day at a gym As he was good at athletics, Excellent in physics and mathematics

And because he was a normal boy; His life was always full of joy With his books all the day and his games And sometimes changes his toys With other boys

But he did never destroy or annoy, Or disturb anyone's joy And because he was a normal boy, He used to enjoy life with high dreams Surrounded with a pool of good friends

And because he was a boy, A normal boy, He spends a lot of time reading books Watching films, especially Tom and Jerry But keen to do his assignments on time, then will hurry, To sneak on his Web Pages, on the Facebook and Instagram Sending photos of birds and animals, as he dreams one day to be a vet

Then after that he will text his classmates To make a date For a tournament in the evening At the school gate

He was only a boy, thirteen years old! ! Smart and bold But on that day; He was on his way, to school With some pencils, some textbooks, and a ruler of 12 inches and a football

His school bag, on his shoulder He did never talk to or hurt a soldier Nevertheless, The sniper shot him from above the roof Why for? What for? What did he want to prove?

Why did he kill the boy in cold blood? Because the boy asked for a loaf of bread... Was it a good reason to shoot him dead? With a bullet on the back of his head?

That was exactly what the sniper skillfully did He shot him dead, on the head Then the boy came down to the ground And his face kissed the sand of his land The golden sand of Shykan in Kordofan Where history began in Sudan

He was only a boy! ! The sniper shot him down He gave him no time To defend himself Or know his crime He gave him no time To say his prayers Or pay a farewell to his Mom and Dad Or say a goodbye to his family He was a mere lad

His soul soon went to sky He did never shout against the soldiers And he did never break their orders He only asked for food And a cup of water for the day To finish his school and run away Back home

Where he would sit down in his simple room Read his books and do his homework As soon as possible To join his schoolmate At the school gate To play an evening football match But he did not think of the fate That a sniper would shoot him, on the back of his head And make him dead But still...sniper... Who taught you to (shoot to kill?) \*\*\* with that great skill! !! And still Why did you kill the schoolboy? What was his crime? for what cause? 'Because.....' 'Because.....' 'Because.....' 'In fact, there was no cause' 'Ah.... because, the boy was too smart, ' 'Slim and tall! ! ' And because: 'he was adored by his friends too much' 'And he was very good at football! ! ' 'And because, ...' 'Because he used to love the school'

\*\*\* A famous quotation for the famous Sudanese politician, Ali Othman Mohammed Taha giving permission for the army to shoot and kill any citizen crossing borders and carrying food to South Sudan.

#### Forty-One Kandakas \*

I hail them the Forty-One women Who trod on the lion's den Forty-One, women With bare hands, with no guns They had gone To defy the slayers They did and made them run With only bare hands without guns Forty-One women Went into the General's yard In spite of his guard And despite his soldiers They defied his orders With only bare hands Then proudly went to prison Not for treason, NAY But for very good reason Oh, that was a good Day When they raised the voice for freedom And waved the flag of their country To celebrate their victory With only bare hands They came from different walks of life Husbands & wives Farmers & workers Students & Teachers Sisters & brothers Sons & daughters Fathers & Mothers Lovers & Lovers Together they marched Shoulder to shoulder To break the orders And defy the soldiers With only bare hands They came from all over the land Hand in hand To toil the soil of our sand And plant the seeds of freedom

for a better life With bare hands They came from the North and from the West They came from the South and from the East Full with hope and courage To make the change for a better Sudan From Halfa to Omdurman from Nyala to Port Sudan On bare feet To make the change with only bare hands Kandaka let me hail your great courage You have marched towards freedom With aspiration to build the nation Equipped with knowledge We celebrate your marriage With the Henna on your feet on your bare hands A crown for your courage So let me praise your strife To save our honour, to save our lives Let me praise the Forty-One women And let the world glorify The great job they have done The Forty-One With only bare hands So hail the Kandaka from Halfa to Omdurman From Nvala to Port Sudan Who made the change with bare hands To defy the soldiers And break the orders In our new Soudan

#### Message To A Sudanese General

A message to Sudanese Generals To General Burhan - General Daglo on the EVE of the coup d'état of 25-10-2022

General,

I am very fond of those stripes On your chest and shoulder, with different sizes

I am fond of the stars, brightly shining And the sword by your side proudly dangling

I am fond of the bird with golden wings The eagles on your shoulder, Flying like winds And your fingers full with rings

I am fond of your chest Full with rainbow colours Medals with different sizes and shapes That you hold, of silver and gold Some are new and some were old Shinning in the sun form your military suit In fact, general, I am also fond of your boot Beautifully fits in your foot. Newly brushed and to be fair It is always shining in the air Making a fearful rhythm When you tread the floor With your mighty power

General, I love your entire look Arrogant and tall in features Smart and slim in pictures

I am fond of the way you instruct your soldiers To carry out your orders But I really tremble with fear When I hear Your voice raised too harsh To make your soldiers begin the march

And although it is so tough and harsh, They go straightforward, keep the lines and march

The soldiers active and attractive when they walk Though they are not allowed to talk They just walk As proud as the peacocks

General, I am fond of those embellishments on your shoulders But I always ask how you got all of that stuff? Is it only through the giving of orders? To your soldiers? To aim their guns and shoot at the enemy? That is what people understand including ME! !

It is natural that all Generals give instructions To defend their nations, And keep borders safe from invasions

This is what I understand that you stay, Awake during the whole night With your gun in your hand ready to fight

With eyes open against intruders or spies Who may tread our lands or cross the skies Then you shoot them and bring them down To make safer all our towns

My General, I understand that you took an oath To defend the Sudanese people All Sudanese, everywhere, In the seas or in the air On the land or under the sand

General, you took the oath To defend the honor of the Sudanese country By all means, by planes, by tanks, By machine guns or by infantry Then when you win the war and come back Defeating the enemy and making victory We all feel proud of you as our hero And put your name in the book of history

Then we reward you with medals of gold and silver Stripes on your chest and your shoulders As well as rings in your beautiful fingers Because you defended the people and the land And because of victory We hail your bravery To be the hero of the county So, it is our dowry

This is what I understand about The Generals' work here or out there To defend the people and the land And toil with their blood all the sand

But I do not understand your role in Sudan This country, My country, Your country, Their country, Our country, I do not understand your role in Sudan

For years and years, but for centuries

Although you still look like all Generals of the world Gentle and handsome in your military suit And full with pride from head to foot

But my questions now how did you get all of that stuff? Including your shining boot? ? And who - by the way - put all those medals on your suit?

Is that because you defeated our enemy at the borders? Because you carried out all the orders? To make our dreams true, To bring back Halaib and Shlatin? To bring our dignity in the Fashaga Or because of killing your people in your own country In the Military Square? In Khartoum and other places somewhere?

And this what you had practically done Killed our people with their own guns Eliminated millions of souls Hitting their heads on the walls Or dropping some in the Nile To be eaten by fish and crocodiles

In the South and in the West You destroyed the land and the people In the North and in the East. Then millions have been displaced In the four corners of the world.

General, we have BOUGHT all those MACHINES We paid for your TRAINING in our best military college To be equipped with skills and knowledge To come back, to defend the people and the land This is what you should understand

And we have sent some of you To the best military schools abroad To Sand Hurst in UK, And West Point in the USA

Then we sent some of you to Russia With our OWN money To fly the Sukhoi and the Antonov And skillfully use the Kalashnikov And steer warships in the seas To disperse all our enemies

General, your training was well done Getting the best education But you have achieved the none To defend the nation

So instead of killing the enemy

You killed your own people, in cold blood Shooting them like dogs in the streets of Khartoum Where your tanks and men used to roam, day and night Devastating the city, with great atrocity

And then you proudly come to tell us the story And speak about victory And celebrate the Sudanese soldiers' bravery! Bestowing them with medals of silver and gold Because they were brave and bold! !

General, you're always proud That you fought bravely all over the world And all around

You always keep saying that: 'We fought the German in the Desert and won' But I say that was not our war! ! 'We fought in Mexico and won' But I that was not our war 'We defeated the Italian in Karan' But I say that was not our war 'We fought in Kuwait' But I say that was not our war 'We had been to the Congo some years ago' But all were not our wars 'We had been to Jordan' But that was not our war We had been to Lebanon' But that was not our war 'We fought for the Agsa Mosque' Yes, the work was well done But thankfulness was none 'We fought with the Egyptian in Saini' But they forget or work deny And shamefully, our land they still occupy 'Now we are fighting the Shia'a in the Yemen' But that is not our war All you did was not our war It was a waste of our men

All was not our war It was loss of dignity but much more You have in the South Sudan and killed our men You have in Darfur and our wound is till fresh You have killed Sudanese in over the country You did make no victory Along you all fighting history

You General have lost your men And we have lost our pride Our honour and dignity And we lost identity and unity

General, We have lost once and twice We have lost thrice For no good price For no good reason All was done was all a TREASON

Do you know who you killed yesterday? That was Doctor Babkir, A young lad with a degree from (Uof K) Medical School And a master's degree from Liverpool Then a Ph.D. from Cambridge, Where he gained the best of knowledge Exerted efforts in medicine all his age, He did well and got his degree, And came back to Sudan to live happy and free

He was back to Sudan with great wealth To take care of our people's health But you got him terminated When he raised his voice for freedom A sniper shot him down to death And stopped his breath With a five-pound bullet at his head He brought him dead

With a shot between the eyes Who cares for his mother's cries? Who cares for his sister's cries? But we all do, General We all do to get his revenge We will be fair and never forget We care and we will avenge

So general, it is high time to step down From the back of my town Spare your machines for the enemy Not for your people in the Sudan Just step down

Take away your guns and leave It is time to get some rest and some relief

BUT REMEMBER GENERAL THAT We had spared every penny And paid our own money To equip you with the best machines To defend the people and the land And toiling the sand

We made you get the best education To defend the nation

But General! ! You have broken the oath And achieved the none As nothing has been done Nothing you had done Nothing done Nothing and NONE

# The Thief

You have stolen my money But money is compensable. You have stolen my land But land is retrievable You've stolen the air But still accessible You have stolen the Nile But water is still available You have stolen my honour But honour is irrecoverable You have stolen thirty years of my age Prisoner in your cage You have stolen the milk of the boy You have stolen his toy All his joy And you have stolen the smile form his mother's face You have hurt all the human race You have stolen the freedom of the nation You have stolen the whole generations Tou have stole their aspirations You have stolen the dreams of every couple Planning their marriage But you plan the miscarriage To terminate their hopes In city or in village

And you still discourage And crush everything under your foot Under your dirty military boot Ah, you have spoilt the happiness of this generation You have stolen the dreams of the nation

But they have revolted And filled up the streets with their voices With TASQUT BAS..... And they will never bargain for their freedom And will never listen to your lies any more

They will knock and hit with force at your door

And to hell you will go Then all their dreams will come true All their dreams will come true Their dreams will come true

#### A Message To A Sniper \*

Sniper! ! Why do you disguise in that disgraceful mask To do your dirty task Hiding on the rooftop To do your nasty job

Why don't you come down? And shoot me on the ground In the muddy streets of my town Come down

Then your shot will go straight ahead To hit my head In the right place On my very face

Or you can aim your gun to my chest And report your boss with the case! ! Then you can take a rest For another round But just come down to the ground

You may have another choice... That you can raise your gun and your voice And shoot with rejoice But come down, to meet face to face Then you can send your gunshot into my eye The right eye To make me die But on the muddy streets of my town So, please come down To the ground

You can aim at my head Come down to the ground and shoot And tread my neck with your boot I will not run But kiss the mouth of your gun When you come down We may look like puppet and clown We can play the game of cat and rat But will never run or give my back You will never miss my track To kill me with cold blood But - please - on the muddy streets of my town So please come down to the ground

Sniper! ! I am so fond of your high skill The way you (shoot to kill) \* How can you aim at my very head From such a distance? And make your shot rest Between my eyes or in my chest With no resistance?

By the way sniper, Do you have any idea about the guys? Whom you send your shot between their eyes? Do you know their names? Have you ever been acquainted with them? Or played some games with her or him? Do you know those victims? That you shoot from that place? Or you just guess! ! Then trigger and press your gun To - randomly - kill anyone, Then you report the mission is done

I am really fond of your high taste of selection Killing ONLY doctors at a time or teachers Are they human beings or they are mere creatures?

Those who you pick out their souls With a five-pounds bullet of ammunition Do you have any idea of their education? Where they went to college? To study science and gain the knowledge In teaching and medicine Then come to treat your family Or teach your kids To help them learn and read And move from stage to stage And develop through the age

#### Sniper! !

I know how you have been trained To use the Kalashnikov Or shoot with the Molotov Or fly the Antinov But we also know of Pavlov's Theory of Classical Conditioning Through which you have been trained Like a dog to bark, to bite or kill In cold blood, but with high skill

We know how you have been conditioned Not to say (NO) Because you don't know how to say the NO And supposed not to know You only trained to shoot between the eyes And give a laugh of victory when someone dies Unaware of the curse That the victims send at your ugly face But despite your gun They remain the winners of the race

# To The Soul Of Ahmed Al-Khair

The Sudanese revolution began in the Classroom From Kassala to Khartoum To spread the light of education From the North to the west, from the South to the East And paved the way for the nation To attain emancipation

But the killers were faster To put out the candle That you used to handle And plant the pleasure of learning in our children, In our women and men

They killed the teacher Who paves the way for the future The future of all kids

They killed the man with a (tool) In cold blood, with flood of blood They made the (hole) Not in his body but in his soul In the soul of the whole generations In fact, in the soul of all the nation

With pain, with great pain They hurt the spirit of our children As they pierced their daggers in their little hearts Deprived them from the science and the arts

When the kids came to school that day They were all happy and gay Ready to learn the ABC and some arts But when the lesson was about to start They found out with all the dismay That their teacher was unable to show up And he was late for that day But nobody dared to tell them the truth or say Why the teacher was late And the only thing they had to know That (Ahmed Alkhair) had passed away To pave the way for their bright future Because he was their teacher

He was the only one among the few Who really knew How to make them refined with knowledge Equipped with skills To handle the pen, not the gun To write and spell and not to kill But always learn with pleasure and fun And think high And spire to the sky But to think high And spire to sky With great imagination Through the pleasure of education

He was the one who used to make them hopeful Happy and joyful But the killers took off his soul And terminated his role To educate and please the boys and girls Of the Sudan

Ahmed Alkhair, We are all ashamed to tell the story that took place And the news that spread through the space

We are all ashamed to tell the story that was to boom From Kassla to Khartoum And sadly leaked into our classrooms Into the ears of the kids To betray the killers Who denied the role of the teacher Who makes the future And engineers the fate of all nations Through the pleasure of education

Ahmed Alkhair May your soul rest in peace in your holy place We hope in peace you sleep But we, we will keep, to cry and weep The fate of the teacher, the fate of all teachers And the fate of our future

Ahmed Alkhair We are ashamed to tell the story And all embarrassed To go through details We are sorry, we're so sorry To tell only some of your story But peacefully sleep in your last resort We will take revenge As long as we live, a couple of years Or a whole of an age

Ahmed Alkhair was a teacher, who had been tortured to death by inserting an iron bar in his back and bled to death, in Kassala in East Sudan. About 30 of the criminal had been sentenced to death but they were let free after the 15 April military coup.

# Murder Of Khashogi

He trod in a hurry into the hall of the consulate He quickly rushed as if he was too late To meet his mate To finish their marriage protocol In their wedding day He was full of joy Like a little boy, promised with a toy But as soon as he was in the place Fifteen men jumped at his face And took hold of him to stop his breath But as he was strong and fit He fought them very well But could not get free from their hell As he was hit on the skull And to the ground - then- he fell It was too late He had to meet his fate To heaven he sent the last sigh And uttered the last cry Like a piece of fish The saw cut through the bone And the body -then - has all gone In few minutes the work was done They silenced him for good The voice that sang for the Kingdom The song of freedom He made no crime He only used to think aloud To send his message But he was not allowed As they took him through the passage of hell To stop his breath And make him face his death Alas, he did not wed the girl Who went into a long wail And got back home To tell the whole world of her tale

#### Your Facebook

I spy on your FaceBook And with a keen look I go over the pages For one hour but ages I have all your whereabouts Your small talks With family and friends And all your walks All the time I see the same beautiful face As it were fifteen years ago Still glowing with youth And to tell the truth Age did never tell on you And it will never do Tracing back I follow your track To catch those beautiful smiles And the perfume that I can feel From nundreds of miles Of course, I know it very well It is yours, only yours Are you still twenty-two? We still in love with you Your good news remains in the heart I am always happy When seeing happiness on your face And the beauty that I can easily trace But then, And only then I feel the loss My great loss And the great mess Then I understand How you slipped away from my hand

## Fate At The Consulate\*

To the soul of Jamal Khashogi

On his feet, on his bare feet The man went into the consulate To face his fate Where fifteen men were there In their fanciful wedding attire Ready to receive the lonely quest Into the wedding hall To complete his marriage protocols But the moment he passed through the gate He was face to face with his fate As fifteen men jumped on his back And firmly took his hold Fifteen men took his hold And although he was strong and daring and bold He could not afford But went cold and cold As death crept on his soul emHunter.com Then his power calmed down And betrayed him to the ground Uttering his last words It was a curse! ! He shouted with rage Then moaned like a helpless bird in a cage He came to the end of fatality, With brutality Witnessing himself by himself Going piece by piece by the sword He saw the work as it was run At last all the body has gone With a red saw that he saw Piercing through his flesh and bone In ten minutes all the work was done And the whole body was torn Oh, the guy had only gone there, to wed his Turkish girl Instead, he went into a valley of hell His plan did not go that well

To come back home with a beautiful damsel Who wasn't able to pay her man the last farewell Instead, she came back home with a broken heart, To tell the whole world the horrible tale

#### The Last Time I Saw Him

To the soul of brother Ibrahim Gumaa

The last time I saw Him, His face was cold as a star In a remote universe Far away, in a place Unknown to the human race But there, he slept in peace

In full calmness, With a smile on his face In his wooden coffin Where he stopped the breath To set off into silence of eternity in the underneath

The body was brought by plane Secured by heaven's hand To be buried with ancestors in his land The land that he always loved But did not enjoy its fresh air Or drank its fresh water of the River Nile The land that he wanted to walk On its sandy roads for a while And eat in its cheap restaurants a local meal And cherish the taste of the food and enjoy its feel He would use his bare hands and lick his five fingers And drink a cup of tea with spicy mint or gingers

That was him, Ibrahim And that was his dream My young brother who passed away And stealthy left without a say To his last exile Could he have stayed for a while? To say goodbye, And embrace his mom and dad for the last time To say a farewell to his daughters, son and kin And go back to his cold wooden coffin Could he have delayed the journey?

The ugly plane from Cairo to Khartoum Landed in a sadly gloomy day Then he was marched to his last stay Unable to say The farewell ... To Mom To Dad To friends To son and daughters To sisters and brothers And some others

But may Allah bless his soul? And mercy befallen on his body and spirit We are sorry to miss you, so much We are sorry that you did not tell us in any way That you were on your last Journey, your last stay

So you left and left all of us helpless Then how can I tell your young mistress 'How her daddy feels in his coffin' But I just said, (worry not my child) You daddy is happy, He is on his way to Heaven To pave the way for all of us

# Almaddinah Almonawarah

The lighted city of the Prophet I hail you standing with pride in the heart of the Arabian Desert From where the Divine Might Spread to reach all universes With the Prophet's light Mohamed peace be upon him Who came as a bless from God To maintain the road Gabriel came with the message To show Him the passage To purity and integrity For the guidance of the human race From Makkah he set out with the message of peace He left one early morning to Maddinah to the city of holiness to establish the best civilization That man ever witnessed He came to fill the place With justice and fairness Where people lived in peace And with the right to live and say He built the perfect human paradise on earth Your companions were the best They took the message and finished with the rest Over hills, deserts and oceans Far to India and China and to the Alps They took the holy word all over earth To the whole universe Messengers of peace and love Messengers of civilization To all human nations From your city, peace be upon you Sprang out the light A pleasure for the human delight

### A Strange Dream

It was just a dream, a strange dream It was a dream, only a dream, That I saw the elephant in the streets of Khartoum Walking with a leisurely pace Leaning on a big stick and a smile on his face

Then in McDonald's, I saw the crocodile Having a snack and tea, with milk by the Nile

I saw the monkey in the barbers' shop, on the hill Cutting hair of a young customer, with great skill Drawing beautiful whiskers, but with a heavy bill

I saw the frog in a dark corner, sipping Coca Cola Elegant in his new green shirt, with a wide collar And a red tie dangling from his short neck, with a shining colour Smoking Cuban Cigar with great pleasure As if he got all the world's treasure

I saw the fox playing very hard in Fluinter com a tennis game with the rooster In the goat's backyard

It was just a dream That I saw the caterpillar In love affair with the cockroach In a public bathroom in the city of Khartoum

It was a dream, just a dream To see the giraffe as an emcee Serving coffee with hot cream To the rhino and his hippo spouse With a thick lipstick in her mouth

It was a dream, to collect my clothes From a laundry skillfully run by the dog The cashier was a young frog In her latest fashion A silk blouse and skirt of cotton From Christian Dior Elegant in her Parisian style Happy, with beautiful smile on her face

Then I saw the bitch Mating on the beach With only one male! ! What a horrible a tale?

I also saw the snail In his armored cover So clever Licking ice-cream with chocolate flavor

Then I saw all the animals gathering in the forest Celebrating the marriage of the hyena and gazelle The lion was there, On his royal chair The crow was leading the choir

It was a happy event of marriage Then the bride and the bridegroom Were politely invited by the raccoon To spend their honeymoon In his marvelous home In the outskirts of Khartoum

And I saw a fleet of birds congregating in a morning prayer Led by the owl with green spectacles With a long-tanned beard And a great turban on his bald head Muttering secret words from a book that he read

Then it was a pleasure to see the salmon fish In the court of law playing the role of judge Young and full of hope With a white wig on her head and a reddish robe

Then I saw the shark flying a jumbo jet From Guantanamo to Philippines with great wit
Escorted by crews of crows serving tea with mint

I saw the rat dating the cat In her modern luxurious saloon In the outskirt of Khartoum Where they sat down reading Alice in the Wonderland Happily, cracking peanuts in Pooks And sometimes cracking dirty jokes

I saw the lion and the tiger But frankly, I did not see the fox Together they were running a dialogue About the metaphysical elements in modern poetry And post-war drama in Broadway theatres They also talked about the BLUES Of Langston Hughes With reference to NY and Harlem But with different views About Fukuyama's End of History And later, they dealt with some Chemistry The problem with the carbon dioxide They also talked about Dr. Jackle and Mr. Hide

I saw the turtle and the rabbit on the CNN on a chat Running a dialogue about peace on earth Philosophizing the fate of the human faith Exploring the Digital Native Concepts Sorry for the Digital Refugees and the Digital Migrants They were trying hard with positive words To Solve the Digital Divide of the Third World And fill the Gap of Education Among all the Human Nations On earth

And the last of my dreams were happy dreams That I saw human beings With happiness on their black, red and white faces Yes, I saw all the human races

The Sudanese were there, too! ! Women in their beautiful thobes And men in their white fluffy robes Children with different ages and hopes

All were busy with others Stitching the Ozone Layer with Golden Needles And planting seeds of love in the sea deserts Watering them with their teardrops Yes, with their own teardrops.

Then I saw the seeds grow faster with plenty of crops I saw them picking up fruits from the stars With different taste, size and colours And giving them freely, to the poor children of the world Including the children of Darfur

## You Were Different

I -hereby- confess, that I loved many women Some were so hot Some were shy and a bit cold But you were different Because you were temperate and bold I loved women Some were tall Some were very tall But you were different among them all You were the bless of the soul You were sophisticated and highly refined And you were the rest of the mind I loved women Some white girls Sweeter than nightingales Some with dark pigmentation The most beautiful in their generations But you were different You were the pride of the nation I loved women Some were beautiful In fact, some were very beautiful So I loved them for their beauty And some were witty In fact, all of them were very witty But still you were different You were the ideal my dear wife And the best deal in my life

#### Worry Not My Child

The last time I saw him There he slept in peace In calmness With a smile on his face In his wooden case Where he stopped the breath To set off into the silent silence of eternity

The body was brought by plane Secured with heaven's hand To be buried with ancestors in his land The land that he always loved But did not enjoy its fresh air Or did not drink its fresh water

The land that he wanted to walk on its dusty roads And eat in its cheap restaurants a local meal And so as to cherish the taste of the food, And enjoy its feel,

He would use his bare hand and lick his five fingers And drink the tea with spicy gingers Under the Neem tree in the Nile Avenue That was him, Ibrahim My young brother who passed away And stealthy left our world without a say

In his exile Could he have stayed for a while? To bid a goodbye, And embrace his mom And inhale her perfume deeply in his lungs Could he have hugged his daddy for the last time? And shed tears on his shoulders? Could he bid a farewell to his daughters? Saria, Taif and Jennan Could he give an advice to Ahmed his son? And could he say anything to his kin? Old and young, boys and girls, women and men?

Then go back to his cold wooden coffin! ! Could he have delayed his journey? But he was eager to go We all know that he was eager to go The ugly plane, from Cairo to Khartoum Landed in a sadly gloomy day Then he was marched to his last stay Unable to say The farewell.... To his Mom To his Dad To his friends To his son and his daughters To his sisters and brothers May Allah bless his soul? And mercy be on his body and spirit

We are sad to miss you, We are sad that you did not tell us in any way That you were on your last Journey to eternity And now we are all helpless How to tell your young mistress How her daddy feels in his coffin But I just 'Worry Not My child' You daddy is happy and on his way to Heaven

## Mohammed - Peace Be Upon You

Had I met him, fourteen hundred years, I would have washed his feet with my tears Had I met him fourteen hundred years I would have dropped all my fears And embraced the eternal happiness, in his holy presence And I would have my ears, hearing only his holy utterance Had I been there, I would have all the pleasure of my face buried in his holy bright face And had my soul on his hands with all grace I would have the faith, all the faith Then I would have been the happiest on earth Had I lived his time, I would have had the best company of man The best of all human race He was the chosen, the honest, the honorable Who came to our worldly world, like a morning breeze Like an angle to please, and with ease, He was there to sweep away, all our human miseries With his holy hands and his divine smile He was the bliss on the earth And the comfort for all human souls He came to relieve and cure our pains He came, a shining sun To nourish our spirits with blessings And fill us with delight And wash all the plight of our souls and bodies and spirits Because he was the Prophet, Because he was the light Peace Be Upon Him

## Did The Elephant Fly Or The Rhino Lay Eggs?

I feel sad as sadness could be Cause I'm afraid that one day; I may not be able to say; To my grandchildren, why animals deserted our planet And why all birds fled away

I am afraid to give a lie As I would be sorry not to justify How the African elephant had disappeared? And why? And how the African elephant looked like? Was the African elephant as heavy as a fly? Was the African elephant as big as a frog? Or did it simply look like a dog?

I would feel very sorry not to justify How fish disappeared from the sea? As there is no fish in the sea No longer they could see

I wonder, what I would say to my grandchildren! When they would ask me some years to come And to talk to them about animals and teach them some beautiful tales How beautiful those animals were! But what knowledge do you think I would share! !

What should I say, plz tell me? Just tell me What my answer should be? When they would ask me And insist to know all about Zebra Was a Zebra as huge as a nuclear plant? And was it as clever as an ant? Was it as fat as a rat? But I could only say it was black and white With distinctive stripes

Then my wisdom would not serve me that day

It would escape me and let me unable to say How big the elephant was? Could I tell them it was as big as their school? Then what about the giraffe? Could I say some of them were short? And some of them were tall? Is it enough to say they were coloured With black and yellow and white spots And they could run as fast as your car But not faster than the Tiger or the Jaguar?

And what should I tell them about the lion? He was said to be the King of all animals! ! Was it true? I am afraid not to be able to define the lion Did it fly like a U.S fighting airplane? Or was it as fierce as a Russian submarine?

Retajj, my granddaughter, might want to know All about crocodiles How they happened to disappear from the Nile? Could I say that they had evaporated like water in the sun? Or could I tell her that to heaven, they had all gone? Or could I say that they were just stolen by someone?

And Lojjain, another young lady Might want to know all about Rhinos! ! Were they like birds laying eggs? And were their eggs as big as rocks? Were they like human beings walking on two legs? Did the Rhinos eat butter and bread? And did they enjoy milk with hot chocolate? Were they white, black or brown? Was a rhino so strong to tear down a big tree? With its magic horn when he was made angry And was he so brave to fight even-his shadow in the night?

Ahmed, my grandson, He is a smart boy, with a vision And wide i-m-a-g-i-n-a-a-a-tion He will need explannnnnations Very good explannnnations, And scientific justificaaaaaaations, From the whole world, from the whole nations To tell him how the sharks disappeared from the oceans? And the dolphin, friendly and clever was said to be? And was it true that she did save many drowning souls Then how did it happen that we have killed them all?

Oh, my dear human comrades, it would be too late To answer such questions, but try at any rate, For the sake of these generations, just try To give answers for their W.H.Y. Yes, human comrades, TRY with a T.R.Y For the sake of grandsons and granddaughters You need to wade the deepest waters To fish answers and justify... And clearly tell them why, Why the fish deserted the sea? And why the forests are void of chimpanzee? And why is the sky, Free of birds that used to fly? And why is the soil poor of plants? Insects, rats and poor of ants WHY and WHY? You need to justify,

Why the world is bare of green trees And why the trees are bare of fruit and leaves? You need to say where all the forests had gone? Then, since you won't be able to answer this quizz, Of those beautiful kids, so quit, plz

You would better spare them their earth As they might be able to restore HER health And that beautiful world again And they might raise the beautiful life That had once been before the war Rich with green trees, singing birds, colorful fish, With animals, full with happiness and rich And that would be their second Birth On a second Earth

## Freedom Is A State Of Mind

I am a helpless bird in this cage It is my home prison And for no good reason It is a half metre range It is strange So strange! ! And beyond my sight is the blue sky Beyond my reach ranges too high And above my head is the roof That I can touch with my head It is always there, as the only proof That I am a prisoner in a half metre cage For an age When I beat my wings to fly To fathom the sky The thin wire will pull me down Back to my cage To drown in my rage But still, mHunter.com And although I am so lonely and ill Still, I can sing with full happiness My lovely melody of freedom I care not for the cage I can live another age I do never look behind I am always happy and free As freedom is a state of mind

# To Abdurhaman And Sakeena On Thier Happy Wedding

#### MY SON

Now you are a married couple, my son All your dreams have come true Your wife, like moon In her full bloom And you are her sun my son Both happy and full with fun

Exploring the pleasure of marriage Filled with rashness, full with courage You will see how beautiful your wife is And since you are enjoying the lovely moments, Everything will seem at ease She will be happy to please, To please only you And the same you will have to do

Then together You will go to measure The secret treasure Of marriage pleasure This is natural my son As all new couples should run With great fun To tear the pleasures of life Grasping every moment To happiness you will to strive Together with your wife

You need to be her only man Then she will be your faithful mistress Then you will sit down and think Where to build your home Where to stay or where to roam And which way you should take When to sleep and when to wake Then about children you will talk You will dispute about the names of the boy And the names of the girl as well Then it would be your favourtie tale As to which school they would need to go

You will sit down to think of your future plan Full with dreams for a long long life span And I am sure my son You will attain all your goals As you are both wise and smart To play your roles Of husband and wife To lead a peaceful life

But my son life is not that easy And not that always fine As - sometimes -you may need to pine It is not always that bright So you will need to fight

Sakeena is a fine lady that I really know She is beautiful, smart and daring too She will be your right hand For that - I am sure - she is capable to

So together you will need to go Hand in hand Over thorny hills In the rough seas On the moving sand Or down across the land

You will walk the long errand of life So take care of your wife Be her faithful husband Be her loving mother Be her caring father Be her dearest sister Be her nearest brother Be all her family Let her dwell in your heart Be the hero Then be her loving hart

And then together you go to strive Through the iron gates of life\*

It is every moment that you need to enjoy To build a kingdom of love and joy So be her little boy Be her toy Be her soul Then she will all Be your lovely doll

\* For Andrew Marvell (1621-1678) , in (His Coy Mistress)

## Floyd Pleaded For Oxygen

Floyd under the cop's knees Pleaded twelve times, Twelve times to breathe He asked for the cheap air But the cop was unfair As he denied him the oxygen The free gift of the Lord And continued to press on the spinal cord And beneath, Floyd could not afford His soul began to leak from the body Slowly leaking from the body And gasping for the last breath, He saw his creeping death He was forced to the ground Uttering a fading sound But the cop continued to press on his neck While another cop by the side Showing all the pride Marching up and down in his heavy boots Playing with his gun on his waist, Ready to shoot Under the witness of the whole American nation The man lost his soul For no good reason But for the blackness of his face That was all the case Oh. My Lord. Bless all of us And bless the black human race It is a pity to lose your soul For mere pigmentation Under the eye of the laws of the biggest nation Masters of the earth! ! So Floyd who was an athlete, And who was smart, friendly and tall Lost his soul Because of the color of his face And because of the color of your face

Here you will lose your case And because of the color of your eye Here you may simply die For mere bad reason, Not for real treason But of the fear of the lack of air You may run short of breath And face your death

## The African Poet

The African Poet Who but you to shoulder the burden of the parentless children? Who but you to care for women lost their sons, lost their men? Who but you to care for the young maid, lost her loving mate? And they would never meet Who but you to care for the homeless? Displaced in the darkness? Sisyphus' boulder on your back The pains of all the black But Diogenes' lamp in your right hand To guard our children and defend the land Who but you the African Poet? To be the source of wisdom and hope? And our last resort where to flee And be free When the land is short to accommodate my race And when they face the angry sea Then, your words will be the Zulu's spears In the tyrant hearts and in their ears You the African poet, it is your fate To dry all the tears And wade with words to restore the peace And get me back to the old place To enjoy life among my race. Among my race.

## My Wife

My wife You are the essence of my life My free space Where no one could dare to trace Or follow my pace My wife you are my own place Where I hang all my faults And keep my secrets And hide my face My wife You are my holy place Where I fully enjoy myself As no one dare disturb my peace And where I secure my soul When the dark moments roll over me and roll Then my wife you are the wall My tall wall, safe wall Where to lean, when tired and sick of all My wife, You are my last resort before I fall In fact you did never let me fall The bearer of my beautiful ones Beautiful girls and beautiful sons And the bearer of my secrets too, they are with tons You are my favourite song That I like to sing During all seasons Winter, summer, fall and spring You are still the melody That stealthily leaks with art Into my veins, then into my heart To soothe all my pains My wife You are the flame When darkness is difficult to tame And when I am -alone- to blame You come to defend my name

From any notorious fame And that is your favourite game You always like to play As my akin twin Whether I lose or win My wife You are the pair of my soul And the remedy for my family as a whole Remedy for the child when she cries Remedy for the old when she wants to rise Remedy for the young to appease Remedy for the sick to release And for the guest to feel at ease And for the friend when sad to please You are for the lost to guide to his goal And you are ready to give them all And respond for any immediate call In the mid night Or during the light or in the middle of the fight You are always there with advice And you are always right My wife...you are always right! You are the one Who never says 'No' In summer or snow Oh, my wife You are the twin of my life My valued treasure My happiness that no one could measure You are the source of all pleasure

### The Boy On The Wheelchair

Your smiling face Does not tell all the tale And does not say how you really feel On your chair, on the rolling wheel! !

You always come to my class With a cheerful face That could never let me guess How you feel on your wheelchair The fact that sets me on fire Of sympathy in my heart And curiosity in my mind That looks too blind To understand how happy you look When you look in your book

Some people may not understand Why you are so happy? But I have known all about your goals And how you work in the school

Your happy face Can make me guess How your dreams are high Like eagle in the sky Your smiling face Can make me guess How your wheelchair Is but a throne of a King A real king Your wheelchair - in fact - is so dear To my soul. Oh, Sir

When I see you on your way, Wheeling to the school I wonder and unable to guess How you-daily-overcome this mess! ! With such flow of happiness I always see you among your mates With happy smiles You defeat your fate Though you could never set your feet On the hard face of the street

I always see happy faces around your wheelchair Racing to catch the turn to push your Up stairs As if you are a King, or at least the leader of the choir

You laugh from your heart And they laugh from their hearts And I feel it in the heart of my heart A piece of music, a piece of art Where lad, do you come with all this shining face? To disperse happiness To the whole human race In my class?

You-early-use to come to it In the first row, you always sit With full attention and with wit And carefully listen to what is said Ready to ask the right question And keen to take some notes And ready to share with your mates Ideas and votes

So you were always the best And still, the best of the rest Your fine manners Would never escape my sight I see you always fight Following your lessons day and night With all your might To attain what you deserve As your human right You really make me feel true sense of pride Carried by your charming tide Tide of happiness From your wheelchair You are the most inspiring soul To me, my dear

#### The Housemaid

I am the housemaid I am the last to go to bed At the late night And the first to wake up Before the day light I am the one to check everything And keep all at my sight

I am to lock the shutter And open the curtains in summer And make the fire of winter And always keep to the gate And wait For the dog to come in From HIS evening walk And wait for the cat To finish HER game with the rat

Then I have to make the breakfast Ready for everyone in the house But for delay I am the one to blame and denounced

I am the one, the lady would ask About her brown pair of shoes And the master would inquire About his polished boots And the young mistress, about her suit and would ask about her new dress And the young master, you can guess He would ask about the stuff of his sport And his T-shirt I am the one who would remove all their dirt

I am the one, everyone would call As if I am the only human soul Who would immediately respond to the whole But they would not wait to get the answer So, I have to respond quicker and faster I would open the garage For the lady for work to go And wait for the big master As his turn soon would draw

Then the young lady and the boy would call To escort them to school To carry their bags and their tools And I must always keep clean and cool And ready to answer all questions And then back to feed them all

I have to feed all the folk! ! With different taste of dishes To satisfy all their wishes Different meals I have to cook But always a subject of their mock

I have also to entertain the guests Upon the master's request I am the one to manage his wealth And keep his family's health

And since I am said to have a good voice I should have to sing some melodies to the boys So, they would not disturb or weep But peacefully soothed to sleep I have the little girl whom to please and talk And I have the dog, for the evening walk And still I am the only one who is not allowed to get ill I am not allowed to get sick As the rod is spared for me and the big stick

So, I just need to close my door and weep Weep and weep, with silent voice That I have always to keep

Then I shed my hot tears Very hot tears And lonely go to sleep And embrace all my fears

I am the housemaid Who is made to sweep off All sadness of your lives And not allowed to grieve But always have to strive

I am the housemaid Who is to keep your family happy and tight I am the guard of your dreams at night But my own dreams, I have them to hide And washed away with the first ebb or tide

I am the housemaid The first to wake up At the early morning light To start the daily fight And the last one to go to bed In the late midnight

## Eagle On Top

Despite your authority And despite my pains Despite the long captivity And despite the chains Despite my inability to refrain Despite all restrains Despite your limitless might I will continue to fight For my rights And will remain Like a free eagle on the top of the Marah Mountain\* I will remain The sky above is mine The valley, the air as well And the vast plain

\* Marah is a mountain in Darfur

#### To Doctor Islam

Now my daughter You have just left your lovely school seat Although it is difficult to leave your schoolmate But this is your fate And this is what you have been trained to meet

Our congrats from mom, sister, brothers and me And many congrats from the whole family That you have got your medical degree So you are now educated and more free To read and learn in your field And assimilate all the knowledge The human mind was ready to yield

You have got your medical degree And ready to treat all human illness With carefulness

So in work you will see the rich, Bragging with his wealth And the penniless as well But your job is to be nice to both When they are helpless and ill As both are looking for health

So when a patient comes to your Kingdom He is there to seek your medical wisdom Sickness is a moment of real human helplessness So you need to be equipped with all the kindness

You need to be sympathetic and very nice And ready to give the right medical advice

Sometimes a patient may only need your smile That would be like magic from the first while To cure him immediately from his vile

To some patients you may just prescribe more fluids Dehydration is the cause of health deterioration And the cause of death among the children of all the nations So your patients may need only this simple medication

Some patients may only need to sport themselves for a week With a half hour walk, they may no longer need the stick They may get recovery through a game or a football kick

Some patients may only need to increase their vegetable meals With some more fruit they may dismiss all the bills Some patients may only need someone to talk to And make their company So do it as possible as you could do

You may prescribe water, vegetables, fresh air or more fruit or a stay under the sunbeam Or prescribe a run or a little time for a swim

My girl, you are now a physician But to patients you are the magician Who is ready to wipe all their pains With only one magical touch So you will need to do them well As their expectations on you are so much

You always need to refine your knowledge And every day improve your medical skills Check your patients from head to heel And go through the body with a kind human feel This will immediately help them to heal

Money should not be your aim in life But human souls you need to revive Then the happiest person you will be When you see your patients healthy and alive And ready to live and survive

#### Maya Angelou: You Will Remain Phenomenal

Maya Angelou, you are original Exceptional, So, you are phenomenal

Because you cannot hide, that beautiful smile on your face And you cannot hide your perfume That fills all the space And travels hundreds of miles Because it is all original So you are exceptional

You are phenomenal Because of your style The way you talk, the fashionable way you walk, an arrogant she-peacock So men cannot help but to gaze and look gaze and look, and Still, still They will never be able to tell Why you are so phenomenal

And Ladies, too would continue to wonder Why you are so phenomenal Because they do not see How you are so cute And how fashionable you look In your stylish suit And how graceful is your foot In your graceful boot

Ladies also do not see the span of your hips And the pearls uttered from your curled lips Because you are so original So you are phenomenal

And no wonder that men

Do not realize how you're so cool When you get into their rooms Like the mistress in the school So they all Suddenly fall, Down on their knees And swing about you like honey bees Because you are the loveliest flower That had ever trodden their floor

Men adore the beauty of your eyes in fact they adore the secrets in your eyes Where you hide seven hundred of skies So let them fall down like butterflies To kiss your feet And let them die when you dance and shake your waist

Because you are exceptional So you are phenomenal But still men do not see the mystery in you they are blind or pretend to be so They are not smart enough, In fact they are stupid, too To see beyond their physical mind Yes, they are simply deaf & blind

But they can see now why you are so proud Because they have just come to understand Why your head is always upward And why you behave like a lord Because your are beautiful smart and slim And decisive like a sword

They have just known Why you don't shout or jump about Although you can all afford

Maya, Because you are so exceptional You will always remain phenomenal And you will remain phenomenal Because you are simply, smart and proud And the most beautiful among the whole crowd

## Liverpool Slave Port

Although Liverpool was late in entering the slave trade, but she quickly surpassed London and Bristol to become the number one slave port in the whole of Europe in the eighteenth century.

Liverpool, Liverpool you were the gate to hell So, I hate you as I hate London, Nantes and New York as well Every piece of me does boil with hate As through your gate My black race were put to fate Their awful luck on your soil And spent all their lives to toil To make your wealth And bring your health Your hate is in every pore in my flesh In the run of my blood, and it is always fresh You slave trader, cruel traitor! ! My black race were driven into your dirty ports ter.com Under the view of your very judges and your courts They were forced into slavery Driven in your merciless, unfriendly, slippery roads Enslaved and smuggled by day and night Through your hideous tunnels and secret docks Naked Children clinging to naked mothers' breasts They had to walk all the way and would never rest Women and men all were chained Hand to hand or cuffed foot to foot Like cattle, they were hooked By a burly piece of wood Salty sweat ran into their eyes And hundreds of grimy flies Bite their skinny faces and broken thighs They were all naked And the feet were bare And none a piece of cloth to wear Then, they were auctioned in your market place Like animals not like a human race And they were to be dispersed in every space

To build your British Great Empire And they did...

In the plain or in the mire They did the heavy job in the farms Built bridge and built the dams They cut the wood for the winter's fire And cooked the delicious food For the master and all his neighborhood Only one girl in the master's house She was the only black maid Who was made to wake up the first And the last to go to bed All broken from foot to head Oh, Liverpool Your dirty history can never be bygone And because of the harm you have done, to the black race, You will be forgiven by none! !

#### From Africa To America

It was an early morning in my village When I left my family in their cottage And stealthily went, as to be the first To fetch some fruit, from the forest

My village peacefully slept under the mountain Enjoying the healthy air and the generous rain Where my tribe had been living for years Everything was grown and shared with peers Our farms were rich with types of grains And the good sky did never cease to rain

So, our stores were full with types of food For family and everyone in the neighborhood We were rich and rich enough We had beautiful girls to love Ready to give children, birth after birth We were the happiest men on earth

Our villages in peace did they remain With green plains and continuous rains The tribe wellbeing was maintained By wise women and bravest men

We had time to love, to wed and time to fight We had time to sing under the moon's bright light And we had time to grow and enjoy the food And time to converse and dance in the wood

We had the learning to raise the cattle And plenty of arts and wood to whittle. We had the time to go to battle W e were able to read And we were able to write

We know arithmetic and religion, too We had time to worship the God In only ONE we believed, not in two Our elders had time for beautiful tales To teach the boys and the girls and we had skills to treat the ails.

We learned to count our cattle and sheep We knew when our crops were ready to reap We had the skills to get water from the deep earth And the knowledge to tell the coming of birth

We knew all about stars in the sky We knew how to cook and bake the pie And all about the wealth in the ground And how to decipher the echo of the sound

So when we beat our drums during the night That was to make ready for a fight And when we beat our drums during the day That was to celebrate a wedding day

But when we send the smoke signs to our kin So we would never be taken by sudden It was to tell the advance of some enemies And be ready for the fighting ceremonies

So we had a culture when you came to our land And took our races chained hand in hand To plant cotton and sugar on your sand Millions of black fellows had long to stand Under the burning sun, they were to remand Som when your white ships anchored at our coast Everything had gone with the wind and we were lost With your guns you came to hunt men and boast And displaced my race to paying the heaviest cost

That was one early morning and that was my last day When I last saw the green plains where I used to play In a slave ship across the Atlantic I made my way To the new world with historical dismay Where we were displaced, enslaved and forced to stay

### Step Down General Basheer

Step down From the chest of my nation Step down From the back of my town Step down From my people's chest it is time for the nation to rest Mr. President Step down and disperse From earth We want to see no more of your face And no more breath We have come to the end of the race It is the end of the race Mr. President Step down Release your dirty boot From my people's foot From our throats Rest your gun And you'd better run! ! Run Mr. President Since there is no more fun And there is no more time To commit any more crime Mr. President Step down Stop shooting and killing our race Step down And dismiss from space Step down It is too vile We'll wait not for a while But march to freedom And drink from the Nile Our Freedom sip And walk To finish the trip Mr. President
Step down We've refreshed our souls again With fresh blood in every vein In the veins of the nation Women and men and children

Mr. President Step down Our blood has gone drained And sank into the deep sand To water our poor land And enrich our soil Like the tears of our kids With drying lips Rotting rips And broken hips From lack of milk and human tips Our blood sank deep To quench our thirsty land Ad enrich the sand Mr. President Step down step down from my people's throat Into your sinking boat it is late In fact, it is too late To face your fate To face your terrible fate

# Long Walk To Freedom

Pome by Dr. Ahmed Gumaa Siddiek •Dedicated for the Young CAMP Walkers in Sudan •Dedicated to Dr. Abdemoinm Ali Yagoup Wait not for freedom For freedom do not wait Just walk and haste Do not be late It will never come to knock your gate And will never be served on plate So, it is your fate, to walk to freedom my son To have your freedom done, You will have to walk or would better run Towards and beyond the Sun tossing your head in the air Like an eagle, you never look down You never yield to the ground Your eyes, a Greyhound's \*\* Would never miss his prey But looks forward Towards his reward With sharp eyes Able to pierce through the midnight And ready to fight Freedom - my son - is your right It is your natural right But it is far and high Far as the red star in the sky But, it is within your reach If you are keen to walk and fetch

•Long Walk to Freedom: Autobiography of Nelson Mandela •Greyhound: Noble race of hunting dogs

# Lovely Creature

I love your features I love all your gestures Cause I love the future Since I love you, so I love the nature I love you I love this creature



#### Years & Tears

Sudanese were suffering since the military coup of 1989 by Omar Albasheer.

Millions of tears Were shed at all spheres Tears of children Tears of mothers Tears of fathers Tears of friends And tears of lovers Tears of women And tears of men All were shed To water the sand Of our land Tears of miseries Unprecedented through all human histories Years after years And your tyrant gun tearing our men You kill for fun playing a game of hit and run To disperse the rest of our race In every space Years after years With millions of tears And still your boot on our faces And your machines eliminate all the races From the face of our land And uprooting happiness from the sand Uprooting all the races human beings and animals and birds Races of plant species With merciless brutality To castrate fertility You kill to eradicate our race From the face of the earth And bury our date of birth To dismiss us From the book of registry

From the book of the human history But we will cling to live and stay Like our tears rooted In the deep sand of our land To fight for the rights of our children For rights of women and men For freedom night and day To keep Darfur a human paradise We will never give away But will cling to live and stay

#### Why Are You Sad?

Oh, poor lad Why do you always look so sad? Your face does never show any smile And you did never look happy or glad Not even for a while Is sadness your life style? Why are you always sad? My dear lad! He said, 'Sir, it was all my fault 'Because I slept So, the car had leapt To crush into the truck And for my bad luck Only for my bad luck I killed my lovely duck I killed my lovely Mom Who used to take me by the hand\* And lead me over the sea or on the land Into wisdom, joy and sense. She left me like a child with no defense\* Alas, I lost my Mom Then I lost my lovely home I was the only one to blame Since then I'm on an everlasting flame But although in her lonely grave, She still wants me not to grieve And that I have long beautiful days to live She did never leave me Me, she would never leave She always remains my Mom Although in her lonely grave She is still my dome and my secret room As she had once been my love & home'

\*Michael Leunig

#### Step Down

Mr. President Step down From the chest of my nation Step down From the back of my town Step down From my people's chest it is time for the nation to get to rest

Mr. President Step down and disperse From our earth We want see no more of your face And no more of that breath We have come to the end of the race It is the end of the race

Mr. President Step down Release your dirty boot From my people's foot Rest your gun And you'd better run! ! Run Mr. President Since there is no more fun And there is no more time To commit one more crime

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Mr. President Step down step down from my people's throat Into your sinking boat But alas, Mr. President, it is very late In fact, it is too late To face your fate To face your terrible fate

#### **River Nile**

River Nile Oh, River Nile! You run like a silver chain Through the green African plains You did never stop or restrain And you did never complain

On the desert you run, Under the burning sun You run In winter, you run Like a sheet of gold Rich with stories and rich with fun And millions of secrets, yet untold

River Nile, where do you come from? From heaven or paradise? Or from a holy fountain, you rise?

You were running millions and millions of years With full might shedding no tears With abundance of waters You share over all spheres

You did never rest for a while But running thousands of miles and miles Happy and generous Oh, River Nile! Accommodating the fish and the crocodile

You run from country to country From century to century You give with kindness And your gifts have reached The poor villagers on the banks The herdsmen and peasantry You give without ranks Or wait for thanks

Then through cities you run

Untired but happy and full of fun Your gifts are unlimited Everywhere they have gone

You run from Tana, your start station To the Delta with no hesitation Carrying the bless of the nations To Nubian and Egyptian Your holy water, to the rich and the poor is inoculation

Your White Branch comes from Victoria Through the forests of Equatoria Then runs to meet the Blue Nile Coming from Abyssinia Elegant and proud in his style From the plateau above Then you with all the love Meet in Khartoum, and both March towards the North

On your banks grow millions of vegetation Plant species and animal populations Harmoniously live with human nations

Then from Victoria to Khartoum in the Sudan You meet the Blue Nile like a loving couple Then together you make your journey to Aswan To the Mediterranean you make your great travel

You the White Nile From Victoria you start your march From hill to hill and from valley to valley You cross the borders You give no orders But peacefully run, you are never harsh Through Equatoria to the Savanna To the edge of the Desert in Khartoum Where you are received as a bridegroom Always calm, childish and polite Full of manners and civilized Blameless as you easily run Flood-less on your banks To enable the poor fisherman Collect his net full with fish And the child to get his herd To drink from your generous dish

So you together meet at Khartoum Then embrace each other As darling lovers As babies embraced by their mothers Then like a married couple in their first day You meet with the Blue Nile then run away In your honeymoon Both to the North With your endless force

You the Blue Nile, you are always young Rough and masculine Fierce and furious and always ready to sway Your enemy So you push the White Nile back to make your way Then run to the North with no delay Through the desert in the North of Sudan

So the Blue is always rough with you, You harmless White Nile You are always kind and wise, too Like an old man with his naughty son Together agreed to Egypt, you run

Through the Nubian Civilization Where three hundred Pyramids witness And guard the nation You head to North to the Sea Carrying the Sudanic culture To the world to see From Nebtta and Merowe, from Karma and the Barkal Through Dongla through the desert you flee To the Sea To the world, you carry the Nubian civilization A token of friendship To human population Then Nile with full motion and emotions You tell the story of the Sudanese greatest nation

River Nile, Your banks stand to tell our great history From Piye, the black Pharaoh and all his family tree Whose empire extended from Khartoum To Mediterranean Sea Who stood against the bloodthirsty of Assyrians Saving Jerusalem from enemy El Kurru, Nuri, and Meroë all stand As witness of great history Great deeds crowned by the Mahadi with his victory

The old temples stand strong and fair with Mosques Minarets Shooting high in the air For Allah Akbar to travel free Through the atmosphere To reach human beings everywhere To herald the Dervish victory on the British Empire And across Stood the Church with the Cross You can hear the bell on Sunday And the Mosques send the calls of prayers on Friday They together stand as symbols Of true religious integration Among the Sudanic nation

As if Nile you want to say there is space For all human faith For all human race To live happily on the face of your earth Space for all human race for Africans, for the Arabs, for the Coptics, for the Jews, for the Christians And the Muslims as well All happily live on your banks Devoid of race prejudice or social ranks

Boats sailing along your generous shores With plenty of food to the rich and the poor The fishermen go back home Happy and thankful to your generous hand And the farmers happy with the soil of their land They grow once and harvest twice through the year With plenty of food to spare and nothing they have to fear

Women and children kings and fools All human beings happily crop from your unlimited pools

How many civilizations did you witness? The Greeks The Roman, The Nubian, The Kushian, The Turkish, The French, The English, The Pagan, The Jewish, The Christians And the Muslim Dervish? How many civilizations did you witness? How many Kings and Queens asked your friendship? And how many Pharaohs had had their trip? How many Saints or Prophets had your grip? Moses, Jesus, and other great men of God All were to lead their disciples to the righteous roads But some tyrants in the sea they were rot

Like a great father always kind to them all

Giving without waiting for thanks, at all You are fair River Nile And you are fair to the whole The birds in the sky And the animals on the banks All have their share The plants, the human and the fish Your water still abundant and fresh

You had once been worshiped Thousands of years ago Brides were given as bribes To appease your Ego That you should not stop But continue to flow

Oh River Nile, the Snake God you were said to be All thankful to your daily run from South to North like a never ending history And of course You did never change your course

The Churches' bells And the Mosques Minarets on your banks, Send their calls and thanks And both stand As symbols of unity of the land Shooting high with Allah Akbar in the air Gracefully and fair And you are still running River Nile Proud and smart in your elegant style.

## **Hughes And The Blues**

Oh, Hughes, Langston Hughes Your BLUES inspired your race To wake up and win the race To keep on to Freedom and trace Every corner in the space The BLUES traveled over mountains, Valleys and crossed the oceans To all human nations Heard over Mississippi and the Boston Bay. Then all free men and women learned to believe and say That we are born free And endowed with the right to life The freedom of where to live and strive As man or woman, as husband and wife And have the right to dream of the light of the day The light that came from New Orleans To the Bronx and Harlem, to New York City, too Your songs brought your race, their identity Your songs will live in eternity To let them taste the sweet taste of freedom With full human dignity

# Wait Not

'Gather quick out of darkness' 'All the songs you know' 'And throw them at the sun' 'Before they melt like snow' \* Sure opportunity does not come twice so be wise It will not wait for you so you should know It is like snow If you do not run, will quickly melt in the sun Simple physics as you know Therefore, you have to go And do what you have to do What supposed to do Wait not for anybody to tell you What you need to do Never wait for someone to tell you Where to do so and so, When to do so or so And Why to do so or so Life is short and opportunities, too So gather guickly all that you can And wait not for any woman or man Let them hurry and follow your steps And back you And together cross the river Enjoy the sweet life and forever So, gather all your luck at once And drink it in one sup And drink even the dryness of the cup

\*Langston Hughes

## Your Birthday

Happy Birthday Some years ago We celebrated your twenty-two Today is your birthday And you are still twenty-two Next year we will celebrate Your twenty-two And hundred years to come You will remain twenty-two As age, does never tell on you Age does never tell on you You were as beautiful as toady Smart and arrogant and tall As a palm tree Some years ago We all used to say That you were the star in the sky Far, too impossible and so high To reach We used to say You were the moon In her full bloom You were the phoenix Every day with a new day To remain the gueen of all the hearts And the rest for all the human souls In fact you are the rest for the whole And the whole at your feet Because you are their Queen And this is your due respect Then, you are free to set free Or captivate Because you are the Queen And free to do Whatever you want to do But let's now celebrate your new reign As you are still the Queen And still young, Smart, tall and beautiful,

And still twenty-two So happy birthday to you Maha, happy birthday to you At your twenty-two

### **Granddaughters Newcomers**

Retajj, the daughter of my son Have just come to the world full with fun And Lojjian the daughter of my daughter Are received with milk gushed at your face and water To celebrate your birthday Granddaughters you have come to the world To fill the vacuum With some freshness and happiness at home You are as smart and beautiful as your Moms And gentle as your Dads Grandma is happy for both As if she is the one who gave your birth All uncles, aunts, nephews and nieces And all the kin and kith Are all happy for your arrival To add to the big family Which has begun to grow with the third generation To build the nation So, you are adding one line in the grand book of history And give strength, more to the family tree And power to the country Our all traditions run in your veins To inject the family with fresh blood Your names will be engraved with capital blocks in gold You will enjoy your time among your loving race And grow with full grace

Smart and tall like dads and beautiful Moms Then you will both go to school And granddaddy will be your school mate He will wait for you at the gate And will not regret whenever you are early or late When you are out at the end of the school day He will collect you home happy and gay And will play All your childhood games And may help to give your dolls some beautiful names He will carry your bags with some broken pencils And torn exercise book-notes

Full with greasy stuff and remains of food Then you will be back home To fill all the rooms With joyful chaos and riots Then you may break my phone And make upside down all my room You may tear my notes or books And may step into my shoes Or put on my boots And you may break my glasses You may as well have some cries Of madness for no good reasons Then you will get bored and tired And would go to sleep Then Granddad may have a nap For the rest of the day To make ready for tomorrow With a new start, happy and gay.

## Black Cinderella In The White House

Black Cinderella in the White House Malia Obama, the black Cinderella Under presidential umbrella Fills the White House with naughty childhood A butterfly that moves from wood to wood And shares happiness with all the neighborhood Wherever she goes attracts everybody's look A she-peacock An African Cinderella In an African cloak She moves like a wave From shore to shore To share happiness With the rich and the poor

Malia the black Cinderella of our time The black sun that heats the winter's rime In the White House, with an African rhyme A naughty child, she is, with hot blood Like River Nile in his full flood

Malia fills the White House kitchen With the aroma of cocoa from the tropical zone And the smell of coffee from Abyssinia And the taste of tea from Kilimanjaro Where granddaddy had come from Kenya

Malia fills the dreams of our children As their black Cinderella Who disperses light over all places Inspiring them to go overseas, lands and spaces With big dreams and smiling faces

Malia is the symbol of freedom Who dared to put back The dark history of her race And started a new race With dignity and grace

The White House was once a symbol of domination Built by the black nation Their blood was mixed with every block Each stone, Alone, has a story of his own Under whips And kicks on the hips and the rips Men and women of the black race Were there in the race Under the sun Under winter's grace They had to race To place And replace One block over one block And a stone On a stone And mix their black blood with cement To raise a mansion For the white master Of the White Garrison

But now THIS has all become your own The palace is now all yours Built by your own race Who dug deeply in the earth To build a rooted base And decorated the House's face To enable you play happily and freely And fill all the space With joy and peace

And then you trace history To sweep all the misery Of your old African people Then together with Sasha With full privacy In your presidential rooms You can sleep and read And have some childish dreams Of smart African bridegrooms And beyond there, your beautiful Mom and Dad Enjoy their time As Masters of the White House Masters of the black Masters of the white Masters of all In fact, masters of the world as a whole

There Michelle Obama, the first lady Now you can see Like a queen of land and sea Tall as a tropical palm tree Wherever she goes or whenever she was seen She fills all places with happiness and glee Smart and beautiful and free

The white cook is ready To serve the White House guests And the staff is ready To obey the first lady's requests The plane USA is ready To fly on her demand To the moon if she wants To the west or to the farthest east

Malia is the dream that Our children have to live And the future for all, so we do believe That racism will no longer be But forever it would leave Leave all places And disperses in spaces From every corner on the earth And Malia will be the angel of peace And the guard of freedom for all the human race

### George V Salutes Digna\*

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Although Othman Degina's men were equipped with very primitive weapon such as spears and swords, they won most battles against the British and the Egyptian invaders in the Sudan. Digna, a Sudanese leader of the Mahdi led a powerful army that invested Sinkat and Tokar, destroying Egyptian reinforcements for the former garrison on 16 October and 4 November 1883. On 2 December his men wiped out another Egyptian force near Tamanieb. In December 1883 Colonel Valentine Baker arrived at Suakin to march to the relief of the garrisons, but he suffered a defeat at El Teb on 4 February 1884.

Ι What happened to you George? The King of England The King of Seas The King of Land To humbly stand On such a poor sand? Π His Majesty stately ship, dropped anchors on the Red Sea To India, his majesty was on his way But he changed his course to Port Sudan, on the Red Sea To see, just to see A Sudanese warrior, by the name of Othman Known as the lion of the East of Sudan III So, his Majesty to Sudan made his way And he came to Sawakin one day And had a walk in the city Escorted by her Majesty the Queen And a school of noble men To measure the Length and Width of his vast empire Where the sun rises here, and sets somewhere IV Then the King asked his men To fetch Digna to show respect To the King of Britain and India And the Dominions as well His Majesty called the prisoner To where they dwell

So, the men hurried up To get Digna from his jail And told him the royal tale That the King would allow him, with grace To meet His Majesty face to face V Digna was secured a prisoner in the jail He was old, He was sick, He was weak, And he was pale But, still, still Full with an arrogant faith He refused to get to the royal place 'He is your king'. He roared in their face 'He has nothing to do with this space' VI Nevertheless, The King insisted to see that man With such a superego So, to the prison, His Majesty, Himself had to go Accompanied by his men And her majesty the Queen And all his royal kin To see Digna, who was at his old age... In the prison's cell, like a bird in a cage But in fact, he was a lion in his den Full of the dignity of the Bejja fighting men Who had given great lessons to the British Empire And who had broken the notorious English Square VII So, his Majesty insisted to see the man's face But Digna refused to give him a face at all Instead, he gave Him His back and faced the wall Clinging to his copy of Quran, his holy book And to the King of England He did not give a look VIII Then the King got out His royal sword from his sheath, The King got out his royal sword flashing in the air, Like a cord of fire, the King got out His royal sword, He got out the royal sword, The King got out His royal sword,

And raised it as high as he could afford, As if to touch the sky And then... Saluted the lion of the Sudan in his den As great men greet other great men Thus his majesty left the prison, then IΧ Then the King recalled Kipling's words That celebrated the bravery of the Fuzz-Wuzzy Who broke the English Square And gave an unforgettable lesson to the Squire And the whole British Empire Х As if the King was recalling those words of Kipling verse 'We've fought with many men across the seas, ' \*\* 'An' some of 'em was brave an' some was not: ' 'The Paythan an' the Zulu an' Burmese; ' 'But the Fuzzy was the finest o' the lot.'

'Our orders were to break you, an' of course we went an' did' 'We sloshed you with Martinis, an' it wasn't 'ardly fair; ' 'But for all the odds agin' you, Fuzzy-Wuz, you broke the square'

Thus His Majesty left the prison, then With the pleasure of seeing the lion in HIS den

## Love Deffered

Ι It was fifteen years ago I was forty-five You were twenty-two Tall as a palm tree And you were all fresh & free Beautiful, young and smart In fact, you were a piece of art Π Ebony was your colour Cocoa was your flavor Ivory was your smile Jasmine was your smell That could march hundreds of miles Into our young nostrils III You walk like a military personnel In fact, you walk like a colonel Tall and slim as a nail IV When you show up.... accompanied With the whole charm of the continent The flavor of tea from Kilimanjaro in Kenya The odor of coffee from Abyssinia And the cocoa aroma from Ghana And the richness of the tropical forests from Equatoria And the fresh Nile from Victoria V Oh my African queen With your Ivory smile And Ebony style You are the real pride Of your African tribe In fact you are the pride of all tribes My African queen With your Ivory smile

And Ebony style You are truly the bride of the Nile VI

You were the jewel of our English class Do you remember Sembene Ousmane? 'Tribal Scars and Letters from France' Working together on Langston Hughes Listening to the Jazz, the Pop and the BLUES Coming from the high lands of New Orleans And the old Mississippi And we heard the high voices of Harlem And New York in the English (B) Mt queen, we did have a nice time With Andrew Marvel in his rhyme In his Coy Mistress Then Shakespeare with (thou) and (thee) In his English summer day But you were lovely, and more temperate Than any Shakespearean sonnet Because you were so African And more beautiful, than any English summer day And you will remain beautiful as you were yesterday. As today and tomorrow, and as everyday VIII That was fifteen years ago I was forty-five And you were only twenty-two I know I am bad at mathematics But I am sure now about my sixty, so... As I am certain about your twenty-two! But you are still that African palm tree Always lovely and green, smart and tall and free Oh my African Queen And thus you will remain As young as you want to be cause age will never tell on you But it will only, only tell on me IX You will read this poem And you will know It's specially designed for you And you will get the message In a minute or two

As you are always smart And the same piece of art. And as it was fifteen years ago You are still twenty-two! Х Sometimes I spy on your dreams To see if I am there with you Sometimes I spy on your page On the Facebook to guess your age And wonderfully you are still That beautiful typical African girl And still not engaged At this age! ! ! Because of your high selectivity And because of your high taste You will never meet an equal mate Because of your high rate! ! ! XI I am sixty You will never be thirty You will always keep to your twenty-two As time does never show any disparity on you And we will never meet And I will never be your mate I know this is my fate Like the East, that will never meet with the West XII It was fifteen years ago I was forty-five You were twenty-two Tall as a palm tree And you were all fresh & free Beautiful, young and smart In fact, you were a piece of art So, stay at your twenty-two May God bless you And all of you My African Queen

# My Village

It is a long time since I left my African Village And to town I made my the passage With a bundle of clothes That was all my luggage Then to school on foot With little money And some crusts of food To begin the journey of my learning At my boyhood Π There I met nice people on the road All with new clothes Women with new shining eyes Laughing with new ivory teeth Healthy boys in new heavy boots Young girls with long beautiful curls And new bright shoes III Oh, my village At the back of my head is your image To which I always long and long Hovering as a beautiful song A song at the back of my head A song that will never fade IV And beyond there I can see I can clearly see The green moors lay ahead of me And a herd of sheep Grazing on the green bed And a she-donkey with a nodding head Followed by an ass And a cry of pain from a young lass She was hit on the skull By her naughty bull And another cry coming from the east And a dog barking in the west V

There I can see I can clearly see A train of women coming from the pool Different women from all ages Coming from the pool Some are stout and some are small Some are short, some are tall Some look so smart Some look like a fool Women from all walks Coming from the pool But they are all With happy faces and smiles Though they fish water from a distant mile With heavy tins on their heads Dropping on their bare breasts Beating their dancing waists All chatting in high voices That can easily be heard But low pitches are used then some gossips are said VI There I can see A young girl and a little boy Taking care of their herd And some old ladies At the back of their huts Muttering some strange words Growing maze and peanuts And there is my grandma Busy with her pots Cooking our evening meal I cannot tell but I can feel What she is cooking for us And there is my granddaddy In the thorny fence Cleaning his donkeys' remains VII Oh my village what beauty is that When the moon is full and fair With little stars and freshly air And the weather is cool

as rain begins to fall On the lusty sand dunes At my village in lately Junes Then happiness befalls on all And beyond there I can see The green hills of Kordofan Shooting very high With pride in the sky And clouds hanging above Like a canopy of care and love Covering the sand dunes of Kordofan VIII And on the far horizon I can see A fleet of migrating birds Black and white in fleet or pairs Coming to dwell and free As usual on my granddaddy's tall tree And make thoughtful dialogues All the night, then go to sleep I can see the white bird stealing From the black one a little cane To build a nest for her children IX Oh my beautiful Village There I can see my mates on their donkeys To the market with local products To sell their groundnuts Happy all the day Chatting all the way Speaking all the time But no one would wait To listen to his mate Cracking jokes Some are out of date And some are obscene, If no adult is observed Or appears on the scene Х I can see the evening approaching With glimmering sun And tall shadows on the grounds Sketching some beautiful fun

On the sand dunes Then night falls Where nothing can be heard But some cows within the herd Lazily chewing their food Or a pool of dogs assembled At some hot bitches Making some hideous pitches And some mews of cats Busy on secret acts And some are chasing rats and yell In the back yard of my field And a lion far away cuts the silence With a big roar from the hill XI Oh my beautiful village Then the night comes with peace Tranquility falls on every piece Except of some giggling sounds Leaking from a hut far away Of a newly married couple Happily giggling all the night Up to the daylight Enjoying their honeymoon with full delight And when all the villagers Go to their farms by day The couple will turn away To go to sleep all the afternoon Till the next dawn That is their honeymoon In an African Village

## The Battle Of Shaykan

The Epic of Shaykan

The Battle of Shaykan. The people of the Soudan had won their freedom by their valour and by the skill and courage of their saintly leader.... But, whatever is set to the Mahdi's account, it should not be forgotten that he put life and soul into the hearts of his countrymen, and freed his native land of foreigners. The poor miserable natives, eating only a handful of grain, toiling half-naked and without hope, found a new, if terrible magnificence added to life. Within their humble breasts the spirit of the Mahdi roused the fires of patriotism and religion Source: Winston Churchill: (River War, file: /Users/Home/Desktop/)

The Epic of Shaykan Pome by: Dr. Ahmed Gumaa Siddiek Ι In the fifth of November Eighteen eighty-three, In the last century, We had the greatest war In human History, When our country, was set free, By Al-Emam Al-Mahadi Π Under the Baobab tree, The Mahadi set his tent And thousands of tribal men, did attend Came from all over the country To pay allegiance to their legendary III Under the tree, Sat the Mahadi with staff of war On his right, Abu Garga, On his left, Hammdan Abu A'anga, Who deprived the enemy to sleep All the way from Duwiem to Shyakn

And made them weep

There was also Ya'agoub, With his flag. It was BLUE Wad Anogomi with the RED one, He was there, too Sawarr Adahab and Basheer A'agab Aldour, And Elyas Um Berrair, All were there in the war And in the middle Musa Wad Hillo With the GREEN flag with other men, They all saluted their Leader, Then marched with their men, Into the enemy's den Like African lions τv The Imam surrounded by cavalry Some hundred men armed with sticks, Some swords and spears With only sticks, swords and spears They fought and defeated The greatest Empire In the shortest battle, In the human history Where (Hicks) and his men Were buried near the tree In the sand dunes of Kordofan in Shaykan V Under the tree stood the Mahadi, As strong as the tree Stood the Mahadi with some Thousand men in lion skins they were one man's heart Fearless, waiting for the war to start VI Then the great Imam shouted: Allah Akbar, Allah Akbar, Allah Akbar, And led his disciples In a long war prayer Then he said Amen,

And ameeen, said all his men Then the word, was heard That the Imam had declared, The war, With a thundering roar VII So, the Imam declared the war And warned his men: 'If you are only late to fix your shoe' 'You will miss the greatest show' 'That will we spare no foe' 'No one we will be spared for you' VIII Then in fifteen minutes, The show was all done \*\* On the sand dunes of Kordofan in Shaykan Against the Egyptian troops, Led by an Englishman And some European groups In the sand valleys of Kordofan in Shaykan The enemy had faced their fate Drowned in the sand dunes of Shakan In the sands of Kordofan IX Several thousand men From all the tribes of Sudan Came to Shaykan They came from the west They came from the south They came from the north They came from the east They came to Kordofan To the Mahadi in Shaykan Х The Imam was under the tree With Chief of Staff And waves of brave men Went into the enemy's den XI And Allah Akbar was sent free All over the country It went over mountains
And crossed the seas From Shaykan to London, From Cairo to Aswan That some hundred men Charged as one man With mere sticks, swords and spears They defeated the greatest Empire And broke the British Square XII With only swords and spears With no fears They charged, Eyes full with tears Tears of joy To destroy Their peers With only swords and spears They broke the British SQUARE And defeated the British Empire In the sand dunes of Kordofan In Sudan XIII They hit the enemy from right and left And gushed up like ghosts from ground With no sound And came down from trees as tropical rain And destroyed (Hicks) and his men In fifteen minutes' time, they were all drained XIV As all the books told the story, In fifteen minutes, Ten thousand men had vanished In the shortest battle in the human history Ten thousand men of infantry With heavy guns and artillery Had all gone In the sand dunes of Kordofan Within an eye blink, In a wink From ash they went to ash Into the history trash In the sand dunes of

Shaykan in Kordofan XV The enemy was made up of eight thousand regular Egyptians, And one thousand bashi-bazouk cavalries, With ammunition And one hundred tribal irregulars, From different nations And two thousand camp followers, With fifty days food And an immense baggage And a train of five thousand camels With luggage The army also carried Some ten-mountain guns, Four Krupp field guns, And six Nordenfeldt machine guns. But in fifteen minutes. They all had gone By some brave men, it was done In the sand dunes of Shaykan in Kordofan XVI Our fighters had done, The greatest business That our enemy himself, Was an eyewitness That our brave men round the Mahdi Sent into history dustbin, Hicks Pasha and his men And buried them all in Shaykan In the sand dunes of Kordofan XVII Hicks, although, you were brave And well trained With experiences You had already gained In Abyssinia and India You were famed But here in Sudan Your fame was tamed

Cause for money you fought,

You fought for money While the Dervish - there -Fought for their honey XVIII It was not your fault Since you had not been told About the brave lions Of the Sudan in Kordofan XIX What were you doing in my country? Had you been invited To a wedding party? In Shaykan in Kordofan Or was it a dream of honeymoon With your bride?

So, you came With your Saxon prejudice and pride With dreams, Your dreams so big and wide With royal aristocracy That you couldn't hide

Why did you come to Kordofan? Because of some thousand pounds, You had as a bribe! ! But you had the lesson from the tribes, Of the Dervish of Sudan in Shaykan XX What a bragging General you had been! ! What did you use to tell your men? 'That you would hold the heaven' 'if it falls down with your guns' 'And that the earth would be trodden' 'With your military boots, if it moves or runs' But in fifteen minutes all had gone In fifteen minutes, all was done By the brave men in Shaykan in Kordofan XXI We admit you were brave You were very brave And highly trained

But our men were brave, too And equipped with (Eiman) So, they won the war Cause of their Islam and their Quran XXII Oh, Hicks you fought For glory, For fame and ambition We, for emancipation For the sake of the nation And buried the enemy of the Sudan In the sand dunes of Kordofan XXIII All the Egyptian Army Was shaken in Shaykan On the sand dunes of Kordofan By the Mahadi, PEACE BE UPON HIM And PEACE be upon his brave men as well In the fifth of November Eighteen-eighty-three Our country was set free, By the Mahdi, Sudan was free We broke the notorious British Square And defeated the Great British Empire,

\* The battle took place in November 5,1883, in Shaykan near Obied, about 600 KM from Khartoum in the West of Sudan: between the Egyptian Army led by the British General Hicks Pasha and some European Generals and the Sudanese Dervish led by Imam Mohammed Ahmed Al-Mahdi.

\*\* The battle was said to have lasted about an hour from the beginning to the end, but the actual fighting took only fifteen minutes as some history books told the story. It was the shortest battle in the human history.man history.

# The Moon Is A Loafof Bread

George Bailey: What is it you want, Mary? What do you want? You want the Moon. Just say the word and I will throw a lasso around it and pull it down. Hey. That is a good idea. I will give you the moon, Mary.

Mary: I will take it. Then what?

George Bailey: Well, then you can swallow it, and it'll all dissolve, see... and the moonbeams would shoot out of your fingers and your toes and the ends of your hair... am I talking too much?

Source: It is a Wonderful Life (1946) : A film produced in 1946 by Frank Capra and starred by James Stewart (1908-1997) and Donna Reed (1921-1986) : where this dialogue took place about the MOON

So how do you see the moon in the sky? When she is bright and blooming? Or when She is shy? With Her white face full of glee And her picture reflected on the silent sea?

Do you see the moon as a mere piece of rock? Or a nice lady's face devoid of a dangling lock? Do you see the moon's face as a bride in her wedding dress? Surrounded by her bride mistresses Filled with joy and happiness?

How does the bridegroom see the moon? Like his own bride? Does he see her contented With delight and pride? And beautiful and elegant With more delight?

How does a lover See the moon's face? Does he see the moon like His darling's face? With sweet smiles And a tiny mouth ready to kiss Or a full breast to embrace? How does prisoners see the moon's face? Prisoners, the moon, they do not enjoy However, the moon is a piece of rock to an angry man As deprived from pleasure and joy But it is a piece of bread, far to reach to a hungry boy

# From Prison Residency To Presidency

Ι In an endless horizon, In a lonely Zone The Robben Island stood alone Amid an angry water, Where nothing to see But an endlessness angry sea Π The Robben Island, stood amid the ocean A rocky penitentiary With no emotions III A place, with none-human feature A symbol that stood for human torture Through the century Through the human history Stood the Island as a statue of human misery IV To this island, Mandela and his fellow men Were brought in chains Confined in solitary rooms What crimes did they make? They only refused the apartheid They had nothing to hide They were highly dignified, And full of African pride V Mandela and companions Were introduced to their new homes In the Robben Island in solitary rooms Hundreds of men with smiling faces Assigned to imprisonment cause of race In that place VI

Mandela with heavy shackles Dangling from his skinny hands Like a handkerchief of a bridegroom In his first marriage day Then to his comrades he would say 'Oh, men...' 'Freedom is a state of mind' 'And that, every dark night' 'Would be followed by one bright' 'So, keep happy and tight.' 'To win the fight' 'And have back your human rights' VII And that, men let's say that: 'The prison is a five-star hotel' 'A temporary motel' 'Where we should happily stay 'Live and play' 'And show no signs of grief' IX So, the men faced their fate like brave men They held to that belief And spent imprisonment. with pleasure, with no grief Х Then from Robben Island Mandela marched from his Prison Residency To South Africa Presidency He was the greatest dreamer, in the human history Who fought bravely, and set all the African free

# **Robben Island**

Robben Island \* T Madiba marched, into Robben Island \* In the Indian Ocean A solitary place Where only the angry motion Of waves slapping the hard rocks With pitiless emotions Π Mandela marched into Robben Island Tall and slim like a tropical palm tree To put his name in the book of history And set all Africans free III He walked into the Island A Chief of an African Tribe Steadily treading the soil with full pride With a lion stride Then the gates were all opened wide IV Mandela was confined In his solitary cell Did he cry or yell? No, he was as happy as a child With a new doll in his jail V And because he was brave and wise He wrote the story that could never be retold twice

As he changed his Prison into Paradise

\*The local tribal name for Mandela

\*\* An Island in the Indian Ocean, about 7 km from Cape Town, where Nelson Mandela was political prisoner for 18 years.

# Dreams Of A Girl From Darfur

I

I dream of a morning full with peace With no planes on my head, shooting my place I dream of bread just a piece But bread is far as the moon You can see HER face But hard to reach and seize II I dream of a dress with some red buttons And a pin for my hair and a scented soap And a paint for my nails and a scarf of cotton for my head

#### III

I dream of a singing toy with whom to talk And share my dreams when we sleep or walk I dream of a bed to sleep on And a pair of slippers of my own I dream of a sheep And a farm to reap

I dream of going to school with a nice mate Who will share my secrets and share my fate Then together we read, write and draw Draw pictures of birds, animals, flowers, deserts and snow And we do arithmetic problems, and English, too IV I dream of peace Peace for me Peace for my friends Peace for my Dad and Mom Peace for my dog Peace for my doll I dream of peace for Darfur as a whole

# Dreams Of A Boy From Darfur

{Our Children have the Right to Dream} I dream of a new black suit With a long tail and a leather boot And two socks, the size of my foot TT I dream of a shirt with long buttoned sleeves Embroidered with animals, birds and leaves And a high collar And a tie with a fine color III I dream of a red brick school With a high wall And a swimming pool And a field for football To share with my mates IV I dream of a book of my own And pencils of my own And a bunch of color pens of my own And a drawing book for me, just alone V Then I will be able draw flowers, in the forest and butterflies, and the moon in the bare skies and a bird on a tree comes or flies I will draw dogs in the backyard Caring not of the eyes of the spy Or curiosity of the passersby Then I will draw my beautiful Mammy's face Bearing the features of my race VI I dream of a loving teacher With a red dress And a smiling face Always full with happiness Seeing me at the school's gates Then enjoying the pleasure of learning With my fellow mates

V I dream of a TV set To watch Tom & Jerry's And Cinderella in the Wonderland And the tales of fairies VII I dream of a flute to play To please my Dad and Mom And when I am tired or bored I would climb to my bed With a heavy head And bid a good night to my sister And have a sound sleep In the long nights of the winter With my pet VIII I dream with a cup of milk in the morning With a loaf of bread To share with my brothers and sisters I dream of a warm home With Dad and Mom

#### **Rainbow Dreams**

Dreams are colorful As the rainbow Dreams like streams Some are fast Some are slow Some may longer live And some may immediately leave But most dreams tend to stay And become true And just a few Will be pending for tomorrow So hold fast to your dreams And let them grow Sooner they will all be true



# Untraceable Dreams

Dreams are true as the flowers in spring They are as are true as the wedding ring In the finger of your darling Dreams are true as singing birds in an early morning They are true as the breeze from the nearby seas They are fair as your lover's hair when flings to and fro Dreams are true, though they are untraceable things But they can swim and fly with wings.



## Dreams & Hopes

Dreams are the bliss for the bride in her first marriage day And the hope for the sailor in a rough sea And the delight of a graduate to get an (A)



### **Dreams Are Real**

Dreams are real as the stars in the sky And true as the baby's cry Dreams are the crowns of queens and kings They are the pleasure of ladies And the realm of fools and cradle of babies But they are real and come true So, hold to your dreams, despite of the foe



# Heavy & Light Dreams

Some dreams are heavier than lead Some others are lighter than light Some are clear as the day But sometimes darker than the night However, never let your dreams escape your sight Hold on to your dreams, they will come true Then it will be the moment of delight



# Define A Dream!

Dreams have no definition Unmeasurable, sensational but inaudible Deep as oceans and unfathomable Worthier than gold, in fact more valuable Dreams have no limitation Dreams are worthier than imagination



# I Have A Dream\*

I have a dream that you no more rate me with the color of my skin And that you will not Judge me in term of kith and kin And that my pigmentation Will no longer be the mark of my nation or intonation or determine my social situation And that the color of my eye Is no more a sign of any indication And that the touch of my hair Won't count for race categorization 'I have a dream that all children of the nation\*\* Won't be judged by the color of the skin But by the content of education' \* The title and the poem are reference to a Speech by Martin Luther King at the 'March on Washington' in 1963 \*\* With little modification

# **Dreams Need Care**

1 Dreams like babies, like buds With little care they grow and face their fate Loving babies, would do them good And care would make buds grow into a wood Π A baby needs the care of his loving (Mam) And buds would easily prosper in the farm So, mother your dreams like a mother And care for them, like a father or brother Make cradles for your dreams, that is you heart And make your souls the soil for them, to start III Build an empire of dreams And make them grow as fast as they could go Who were emperors? They were just big dreamers So, like them you should do IV Build a throne out for your own Build a mansion of your own Kings as well were big dreamers Yes, they were! ! So, be a king yourself, or a multi-millionaire V Hold on to your dreams, belittle them not They may be deferred for a while And they may be growing slow, But hold fast to your dreams, Dreams like friends, They always remain faithful and true

# Refugee

Ι Refugee. Refugee Refugee And sometimes you make it better To call me asylum seeker But I am a woodpecker Just moving free From tree to tree To build a nest To rest And embrace my newborn To my breast II I am not a refugee, I am not a refugee I am the victim of the East I am the prey of the West III I am not a refugee I am a simple human being With very little dream Very little dream A mouthful of bread And a piece of ice-cream A rag of cloth to cover my nakedness And a piece of mattress to sleep, And a glass of milk to stop the baby to weep And for the girl I need a little Barbee toy And a singing clock for the boy IV Refugee, You call me refugee But behind me I left a sweet home and a library Tens of books to read And many friends were there Where I used to play

And there stood The remains of my home It was of mud, straw and clay But warm and happy, I dare say V And there was the big tree Where I used to sit With my girl Planning for the wedding day And there was the sea Where I had once dreamt to flee And there were the boats Waiting on the bay for me VI But now you call me refugee, I am not a refugee Here is my story And a long story it could be VII Once upon a time there were Several men and women And children on a boat in the sea They were from different races From many places Africans, Asians, And some Arabs from Yemen In fact, they were from Aden There were: Ali from Iraq, Sillasy from Eritrea, Hassan from Somalia Shabore from Lahore Lyla from Aleppo Azeem from Afghanistan, And I was from Sudan We were all in the same boat, Sharing the same human fate And the same human feelings VIII We were all in a rocking boat in a rough sea In a dark night we set out for the journey

In darkness where your hand could hardly see My baby on my lap and the lady on my knee An old man and his dame also clinging on me And a young maid would cry also had to flee And the terrible waves roaring as a falling tree And beyond there was the vast eternity IX

Refugee.

No. I am not a refugee I am your guest I am supposed to be To share your food and drink with me It is history that repeats itself Go back and read your history Please, go back one century When your grandpa came to my country But he was not a refugee Do you think he was invited for a wedding day? Or he was a traveller who lost his way? Do you think he came with bare hands or foot? No, he came with a gun, well trained to shoot! He tore down my peace and place He robbed my wealth and health And now you spit on my face And call me refugee! Х I am your guest, your company You need my company! Cause we have a long journey to go So, we need to meet As human mates This is our fate, our woven destiny I am not a refugee. I am your quest I am a part of you As you are a part of me'\*

\*Langston Hughes

# **Dreams Always Come True**

Dreams are a blessing when they come true, And hopes if deferred, or become slow So, always hold to your dreams Never let them escape your hands or flow And never let them go As sooner, your dreams will all become true



# Kings, Children & Dreams

A child always has a dream, to become a king With unlimited power, over everything But the king would always like to cling Back to childhood dreams So the king is keen To enjoy freedom that once he had been But do you think the king could gain, his lost dreams once again? the dreams of children? Nay



### Wild Dreams

Dreams are wild creatures difficult to tame They are untraceable by secret agents or policemen They cannot be restrained No one can make them remain So, keep your dreams safer Embrace them in your heart, in your brain



### **Proud Dreams**

Make your dreams like drops of rain Once a piece of cloud Then falls to the ground As snow or evaporate in the air Keep your dreams always proud And never let them caged Or disappear in the ground



# Dreams Are Drops Of Rain

Dreams like drops of rain rise in spaces Then when they are heavy and blessed They would come down to wash our faces Dreams like rains evaporate in heaven Then to earth they would come down To clean the body and the soul And wash away the dust of the town Happiness for the rich and for the clown



# **Dreams Blood In The Veins**

Let your dreams run as blood in your veins Let your dreams as fresh air that goes in lungs unobserved or seen Let your dreams travel everywhere To feed your soul and feed your brain



# **Dreams And Flowers**

Make your dreams like wild flowers Freely grow in the moor to get the power And send their scents equally to the rich and the poor Let your dreams be the joy of the maid And the pleasure of the child And the hope of the lost in the wild In a rainy storm with an angry motion Let them be the breeze for the seamen in the ocean And a crown for the bride in her first marriage day Let your dreams be a token of love and a call of pray



### Dreams & Streams

Make your dreams, as free as the streams That can flow over dams and cross the distance Or deeply go into the sand, in spite of resistance



# **Great Dreamers Never Complain**

A man with dreams is a free man Whether detained in a dark jail Or handcuffed with heavy chains Or be bullied by dirty men Or buried in a gloomy well Or deprived of rights or sent to hell A man with dreams does never feel the pain So, he not complain Because great dreamers do never complain



# Dreams Are Wealth Shared By All

All people have the right to dream the poor and the rich, the fat and the thin the short and the tall, the black and the white Dreams are the freedom of the body Freedom of the mind and freedom of the soul Dreams are the food of the heart Property of fool and the smart Dreams are wealth shared by all By you, by me, by the human as a whole



# Hold Fast To Your Dreams\*

Hold Fast to Your Dreams\* \*Dedicated to the great dreamer poet Langston Hughes 'Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.' Langston Hughes (February 1,1902 - May 22,1967)

Ι			
So hold fast to your dreams			
II			
Keep them always high			
III Let them fly			
IV as free as birds in the sky			
V Hold on			
to your dreams			
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VI Hold them very fast			
VII			
So no one would dare to steal them or restrain			
VIII			
Let them free as drops of rains			
IX			
Free To come On The ground or			

fall on mountains or free to fall on the vast plain

### Juba 1977

Ι I came down off the plane To face an everlasting green plain Stretched before my eyes An eternity, but a paradise Π My lungs filled with the tropical drops of rain Slapped my face with small grains And hit my rotten body To remove all my pains Severe pains of long history of long captivity III Out of the plane, then I came down Geography my welcoming hostess to the town And history honored me with the native crown Here I do belong, So, why did I stay away that long? IV Then beyond, from among the race From among the whole race I saw your beautiful face Yes... I saw your beautiful face Your lovely face, that I can always trace from among million of faces Shining like our tropical sun Rich with beauty, full of fun V Then I saw your hand Highly raised in the air Inviting me with all love to draw near and near And then I felt the fire the tropical fire, there There, in my heart And almost everywhere VI When I saw your beautiful face Among those beautiful races

I drew near and near Then you took me in your breast my dear And I cast all my soul Like a newborn in your arm To stay there safe and calm VII I came down Then you took me through the town Our beautiful town Everything was happy, The human beings The animals, The trees, The birds, The butterflies The beasts And the bees And the naked boys with shining skins Happily playing in the muddy streets with their kins And there our African dogs happy and free Anywhere they can flee, eat, or sleep, and can freely meet and mate VIII The tropical rain hit my cheek And words escaped me to speak But at last I did reach the peak Oh, my African queen, here I am back So, hold me tightly to your breast And let me have my long rest This is at last, my nest IX I am here to remain And live my days once gain So, please hold me tightly in your arm And feed me from your African farm Fresh tropical milk and let me dream, The dreams of the Nile And tell me all the tales of the frogs And the dogs And the tale the crocodile Х

Here I belong and come to stay, my darling queen.

And will never run or turn away I am here to stay On my African land To plant smiles and hopes, in our tropical sand

### What Brings Us Together?

We all feel We all fear We all smell and hear We all see, far or near We all aspire To get somewhere Π We all drink, We all eat We all love and hate It is our fate! TIT We all sleep and have dreams Joyful dreams or awful dreams Hollow dreams, they could be And sometimes deep IV Some dreams may come true, Some may be deferred And some may disappear As mere dreams in the air V But we are all here, Share, Share, the same flesh, Blood, Spirit and soul, We all: Be colored, White or black Man or woman Young or aged, Short or tall Smart or a mere fools We are all one day, will be doomed to end somewhere! ! VI Mortality is our common fate,

And here we are just to wait, But, friend, your question is still there! !

## To A Jet Fighter

Ι

I have always dreamt of flying a plane And travelling miles and miles away Swiftly flying over vast plains Then back to earth with friends to play II

I have once dreamt to climb the sky To collect the stars with barely hands And make them a garland for my love And bracelets round her arms III

And there we would stay

And build a hut on the moon of clay

And there we would run and laugh

Run and laugh, Laugh and play

Through all the day

Then send kisses to everyone

In the sea or on the bay IV

I have once dreamt to fly with friends Far away and have more fun Playing a football match on the moon And spend the day in the shining sun And have some rest in the afternoon V

I have once dreamt to be a pilot Travelling in the skies day and night Happy with my dreams full of delight But alas I've dropped the idea of flight VI

YOU have once been my hero in the air When I saw you flying high like a bird When you go that height and disappear In the farthest Northern Hemisphere VII

Then when I grew up I came to live the fear That your jet was shelling my village everyday With heavy bombarding with a hell of fire So you were killing my race in such a way! !!

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VIII

When I hear your machine high in the air Then I'm certain you're there to eliminate my race And destroy my land and set my folks on your fire And displace the rest in every corner in the space IX

So why did you kill my uncle and my father? Why did you kill my nephew and my brother? Did they rape your sister? Or did they sleep with your mother?

Х

Did they steal the sleep from your eyes? Or did they harm any one of your boys? Or did they trot on your daughter's toys?

Or did they drink your baby's milk?

So, why did you seize me all my joys?

All my joys?

XI

Why did you shatter my hut with that flop?

A poor hut it was of mere mud and straw

That a piece of match could have done the job! !

Why did you kill my dog and break my bow?

XII

Did you really know the men that you kill?

Or your work is to sweep whoever moves on the hill?

Is your work to smash all creatures on the sand?

Or it is to crush every moving object on my land? XIII

The men you killed you even did not know! ! !

And the girls you shelled you never saw

You made our children's lose their joys

Though; they did not steal your children's toys XIV

Why did you kill my dog and my donkey?

Though my dog did not bark at your daughter! ! !

And my poor donkey did not spill on you water!

So why did you kill those folk

With whom you did never have a talk? XV

Darfur is my grandfathers' birth and place We have made the history of this paradise So we will remain on this sacred earth And we will survive and win the race And keep the history of the noble race Despite your jets, despite your ugly face. Dawadmi - Feb 2015

### Despite... Despite...

Ι Despite you ugly Antonov \* Despite your horrible Molotov Despite your terrible Kalashnikov We will remain Π Despite your bombers' flight Shattering villages day and night We will remain and fight III Despite your heavy artillery We will remain Despite your oozing planes We will remain Despite your missiles Tearing every mile on the land We will remain Despite your arsenal of ammunition We stand as ONE nation IV Despite your military boots on our faces We will remain Despite the killing of our races We will remain Despite the systematic rape of girls They will remain Despite the honor bequeathed on the rapists for their deeds They will remain, indeed Despite your humiliation of their Humanity They will remain Despite devastating their fertility They will remain And give birth of more beautiful children VI Despite their long captivity They will remain Despite your crimes, They will remain

Despite your pride They will remain Despite your vanity They will remain Despite all their rips Despite the drought on their lips Despite all the scars on their hips They will remain VII Despite all the burden Our girls will remain pure and virgin To bear our offspring To survive and remain And many children they will bring VIII Despite the horror you befall, on our children Wretched girls and boys Deprived of milk Deprived of toys and joys They will remain Despite your horrible deeds on women Despite the elimination of men Despite your efforts To inject fear in their veins They will remain IX Despite the long cold nights Despite the heavy rains They will remain Despite the hunger and disease Despite their severe pains They will remain Х Despite the million lies You often release day and night We will remain Despite the elimination of the nation We will remain Despite the eradication of life on land Despite the pollution befallen on the sand We stand XI

Despite the hate in your dark heart We will remain Despite all the agony We will remain Despite your fathomless power Despite your guns exhaling death like shower We will remain XII Despite all your deeds We will breed love and seeds And stand once again To plant apples on the Marrah mountains\* XIII Despite all the firm tight Darfur will rise and fight To restore hopes and rights For women and men And it will remain To witness the morning bright XIV Despite your death vessels and tanks Despite your millions in the banks We will remain Despite your total lack of wisdom We will gain dignity and freedom XV Despite your ugly Molotov \*\* We will gain our freedom Despite your horrible Antonov \*\* We will gain our freedom Despite your dirty Kalashnikov\*\* We will gain our freedom

\*Jabal Marrah is a famous mountain in Darfur in Western Sudan \*\*all Russian weapons KSA - Jan 2015

### My Grandson

My grandson when you smile, My heart beats for a while The sky would come down with rain of joy And hits the town, when you smile Your pretty face would shine, To light all human universe and mine, So, may Allah bless your lovely face Your smile moves the sinews of my heart, And every vein in me with love would start. When you smile, I see your witty eyes, Glittering as stars in the skies Your smile branded our long dreary life, With bliss and turned, our home into a hive But when you cry, and you always cry! Why darling do you always cry? I don't know why you cry? Why do you often cry? But any way, when you cry Your beautiful pitch goes so high, Then our grandma would leap quick and fast, She could touch the sky, to cast, on you, her thinly arms With her very loving heart, and soothing you on her chest, With all her caring art. Oh, our lovely thing, You lovely thing! ! Our lovely beautiful human being! ! Hadn't you shown up, We could have ended our lives, on rocking chairs, Recalling our old days by lazy fires, With dismayed eyes, full of tears Nodding, full with sleep, And sometimes, may secretly weep, Weep; Weep our long passing days, Creeping with hideous fear! But my Dear Oh, my very Dear! You came into our life,

Like a morning breeze, And washed our worries, With the greatest ease. You stealthily came to revive, Our old dreams, To reclaim our lost games And enjoy life once again With all our might And regain, with all the joy So, my boy, my Dear boy! Would you let's show our gratefulness? And let us express our heartily indebtedness? For you have got us back to the morning light To fight our last fight!

#### Rabha The Sudanese Marathoner

When the sun came down on the mountains And all creatures crept to their heaths And the roaring lions set out of their dens And the birds were back to the trees

When the village fire was no longer burning And the sleepy children climbed to their beds When every couple to his dwell was returning And the dogs in their huts hid their heads

When the African night crept like a ghost And veiled with his dark sheet every place Rabha stealthily left her home with a (post) And out of the village she began the race

In the darkness of darkness she fled away As lonely as a baby whose mother had lost Through the dark forest she forced her way And down the hills staggered with her post

As a hurricane she was fast to go And her heart like a drum strongly beating And her small feet the spaces were to mow And the wind on her cheeks fiercely heating

She could hardly see her way as it was too dark As no moon was there, the earth to light And fear sharpened his teeth, a brutal shark But Rabha was fearless and full of delight

(Pheidippides) much waters was said to wade \*For two days he did not stop to breatheTo Sparta he ran so fast to seek the aidAnd Athena at last had won the wreath

So, Rabha did not fear the slimy things under her feet She did not fear the lions roaring near in their dens And she did not fear the hyena hunting for the meat And she did not fear things skulking in the fens But bravely ran from Funger to Gadeer She defeated her fear and her human soul She ran fast and fast like an African deer

She sold herself for a highly sacred goal She ran over hill and vale and on the passage Her face was full of happiness, as happiness should be And in the early morning she came with the message

And those were the last words delivered to the Mahadi 'The enemy is approaching in heavy heaps of gun' 'With seventeen hundreds men with food and horse' She uttered those last words and her soul was gone And with those words she changed the history course

Rabha was the lesson we shall teach to our generation She was the dream that the Turks could never ban She was the symbol and the pride of the nation Rabha was the song for every dame and man

She was the greatest heroine of our land And the hope we have to plant on every sand