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# A Walk Hand-In-Hand Elbow On Shoulder

Let's do the walk When the eve is come and the night visits When the cool air brushes our faces to pull up a smile Makes us perceive the fresh aroma of our colognes when any of us trails a little in front When the heat and the hits of the day have died down And we're no longer under the pressure of the rush hours And the honking of the busy cars Or we take another road where cars won't find us to shower dust on us or naked us with their headlamps Yes, we take the street where we can freely let the breeze that pass by caress our hairs and tickle our armpits Let's do the walk Then when we're coming from rehearsals or meetings or functions Though tired but free and knowing there's nothing to rush home for Even when there are We brush them aside knowing we would have work with us forever But same companionship may not remain forever so

And so no matter how late we'd get home we won't regret

Because it was a time well used in happiness

And if happiness is all that matters then

Let's do the walk

We gist and laugh and our voices resound in the quiet streets And we won't drown the deafening silence when it is to give rise to bedroom whispers

That only us can hear

And our hearts understand

Then when we're lead to sing the songs that one of us raised looking into each other's eyes even when it's dark we can't see Let's do the walk

A walk hand-in-hand elbow on shoulder Is one upon which pleasant memories are written And greater bonds knotted Success ideas birthed from many thinking and many wondering Oh what medicine to the soul Let's do the walk always so our friendship band can hold tightly Let's do the walk every often if happiness is all that matters Shall we?

# Aj? Je

"Touch my heart, let it boil for you, Touch my soul, let it melt with your tip, So that the molten it makes Will fit into the shape of the hollows of your heart And satisfy your desire

For the morning dawns with it A desire for your kiss And the day, one to hear your voice And the night? . A longing for your touch And the red earth awaits your spoils

And in this eery season The weather is here It rained all night when I should sleep The breeze it was dry And this sun so hot I'm freezing to death

If the world ever match makes a couple It shouldn't keep a distance in between The droplets are many That pour from the windows of the soul For many assumptions assume Walls where there are none A mistake that I made My pillar is at that end My mighty strong breasts

But I am the matchmaker Don't do well in my maths So I did a poor construction The long bridge that should keep my breasts and I connected Can I still pick a dust? And you saw the vacuum And kissed my lips And touched my heart And then my soul It is the end You and I ate my life You gave the lethal And I had it If only... Now it really is the end" Oh that lament

From the opposite side of heaven

#### Amira

Amira! You are the light we all see The intellect that is our only been-to The mouth we have And the shoulder we too can lift high amongst our equals

Amira! Have you forgotten? That our bank was you The hunger we bore shows on you You remain our shoulder

You who now is the been-to And have read many books Now want to do as they say Give all to him?

No! The kitchen is not your office Child bearing is not the only reason for your existence Say to him as you had said to us in your younger days That you too can run the affairs of the nation

Amira! You hear? You too can fly the big bird And command the forces Even the sea can be gathered in a place by you

Yes! You can have it in your palms You can be that and more If you say what you will And will what you say, Amira!

#### At The Moment

When you hold a person's hand Hold him tight so close to you Hold him not sparing any of your strength That may be your last hold of him You may never see him again

When you have a friend in deed Explore every opportunity Smile and laugh as much you can Be yourself and fake it at times Show your anger and passions too That may be the last you have of him When you see a person once Take as much views as you can Make an image you'll love that lasts Make fun the moments you share Never extend a pinch for 'morrow Tomorrow make come with a contrast in plan You may never meet again

When you have a neighbor around Use them all as much you should Enjoy their being as much you can You twain part and comeback never

When you see a child at lawn Smile to him and make it real That may be all he'd seen of smiles He may never see as such again No two smiles look alike

When you have your parents at hand Show them love as they do too Show you care though rich or poor Whether be busy still linger near Let them trust and b'lieve in you That hope may be keeps them going Parents too go and never return And you'll never have same again When you have a being to love Love every bit and inch and step Love for tomorrow never is Show it all and hide a non Take all of you in the game Show all care as much you can Do it all and fear no imperfection Hurt and pains are part of life Love goes and love comes anyway But non is same again of love

I had a friend I once loved so I stole a little glimpse per day Leaving the best for the morrow She, so lovely I didn't want to behold it all I seldom knew the morrow's plan I should have had her all at once Now I know not if she lives

When you happen to find this love You'll know it comes once in a blue moon No two loves are alike or same Love's all you have to give to all Failing to share it is up to you

When you have a pleasing moment Beware what you do in that moment Pleasing moments are like weather Don't do to die all in one Make it in bits and get fun off it Making it pleasant is your role in the stage Though like weather it is to man So subduable it has become

When you are in a place in crowd Have a good feel of it all As your feelings feel so you are And so you feel for others too Leave a good step for a good talk People go and never return Following in turn are you and places You'll be happier if you left a mark.

When you earn after a labour Saving is killing investment is life But eat today like never before Your wealth may be another's tomorrow Today is living but death calls after And though you are yet to eat to stupor You'll go without pity all the same So when you have at hand and will Eat and enjoy for there's never a morrow.

But among the gathering of the brethren It is you alone and not another Put your best and never expect All you sow will greatly return For God looks in through the hearts And gives and gives and never withholds Oh when it is all about God What goes around comes around And his love is ever the same

# Beauty Has A Name

I saw her She's Yoruba Her eyes were sparkling white Say for the dark brown balls in the middle of 'em both Her nose? Like the snurly shape of the almond pear Her cheeks are full and glittery And the curved dimple-like frames on both Are the cheerful invite one needs to linger Her little diastemas, and the smiles? Infectiously powerful - a well watered garden that grows charms As charming as to thaw a frozen stony heart With this glimpse I've stolen, I'll cry " beauty has a name" I'll tell you of it when my eyes are at home with her But beauty has a name

#### Because You Said Yes

The gloominess that once was Gave in to light that brought smiles And the loner feels your presence even in your absence And strength birthed by coherence Gave a vision to the hopeless

And the journey began One of a thousand miles with a step began Zeal and energy with purpose a focus Smiles on our faces and prayers in our hearts And this mountain that once was Like a stone is kicked off its base Barriers were there until one word made it clearer And its true look even simpler

The world is overcome The pillars are weightless Light after the tunnel an understatement My shoulders since built for weight Yet like a wool I had thought it Until your word came hitting And I see my strength from within That which had always been

What love can do Makes the unbeliever believe That life that never was is And turn the sorrowful smile to cow and bees That the flow of honey and milk never cease

Oh love that's unconditional flown And existing errors and weaknesses never known And the heart the center of it all softened

And I see a brighter her The mindset against all hers killed Oh so true true love can come of them And some flowers can be a safe haven for the once ever wondering butterfly And see the tears of joy Replacing the sorrowful smile And the owner remains the wearer And together we shall drive the world Because you said yes

## **Biology Teacher**

Do you know me? I am your great Biology Teacher The one who's aspect of specialization is reproduction Yea, reproductive system Your reproductive system to be specific You? You ke? No! Not you. Her! Call me that and I shall answer and shall always be at your service And when I call you too Just realize I know you didn't understand in class today And need revision Yes, a private coaching In a place befitting learning Far from the walls that house the boards, the books and pens

Do you know me? I am your great Biology Teacher Not the lecher who seeks a lolita that's a ready prey But one who calls you baby in a corner but learner amongst many And who will ensure you understand this aspect of biology as I do it understand Only in this place where I have time for you alone

Do you know me? I am your great Biology Teacher The one who will teach you in the revisional class everything in practical The complete anatomy of the human body Of the both mammalian gender And of their rear views and side views and hind views, oh, from top to toe We shall both touch, hold and feel All of physical life and living portrait and images In various styles, postures and positioning

Do you know me? I am your great Biology Teacher The one who comes as a friend Yet holding all the dissecting tools To disect anything that gives the chance At least, practicals matter too And the result? Choose now and let the effect tell of the cause

Do you know me? I am your Biology Teacher The one who means well against your will Who wants you always in a place alone And use the big words that make your eyes spark And then you leave home For evening classes you say But it's in my home All alone

A knock on my door And a smile from my teeth Today's class is on food chain and food web The prey in the claws of the predator Now you're yielding, innocent but disobedient What really do you want? This lesson must be learnt Look to see tomorrow from where you lie now What you score is up to you

## **Birthday Celebrant**

As usual, let me be the first to wish you As normal, let me be the mouth that praises you If only distance and time hadn't drawn the hills between me and you Today would have bean feasting with me holding you

Your birth raised a dust and tears of joy Many would have dug a grave wishing you less than joy Had angels of peace and prosperity not promised joy What will be will be and you forever an epitome of joy

May the eyes with which I saw you never go blind May the hands I shook and held you with wealth ever uphold May the memory we have of each other and times past never fade May my love for you though never shown never degrade And the purpose for which we were joined ever stand

Many will laugh because you live

And God for creating you endless joyfulness shall have And your parents and relatives and acquaintances song of praises shall weave For unto the earth and beyond a glorious blessing you shall give For your days and life to many shall cause a song of love

## **Blacks Were The Whites**

I don't blame them at all, I don't, no! I blame the been-tos and them that live in Obodo Oyibo For coming home with their maximized insanity and unexplained innuendo Of the people whose mentality is complete opposite of their complexion They came back with amutaram otu And taught our girls to replace their eyelashes with nku nnunu rubber And smoothen their faces with uru na nzuala And told them they would look elegant If only their clothes cover only the nipples of the breasts and their thighs stay bare And that nothing of their bodies is important And umuagbogho anyi followed them Our been-to men came from Obodo Oyibo And taught umuokoro anyi ozugbo That it is no longer uncivil to look our fathers in the face and greet them in the morning And that the enlightened should even call their father by his name not minding That africanism is an ancient principle they say Oh, not fitting a time as this

And the sisters come again They tell our umuagbogho the same Your di is your ogbe see him as ebiri And then she deliberately refuses to make her bed And heat the kitchen for a food Oh the battleline is drawn He must know what side of the bed she awoke from

And them been-tos of black minds come in Teach man to man man And woman to womanize And the flesh of the sister he should keep he devours The holy of holies is no longer sacred He tears the vail to enter with force And brother wets the thirsty grounds with a brother's blood And the sell of one's friend an easy game And oganikuku follows these been-tos and obinobodo Oyibo And there uwa ojoo goes about naked And the mannerism of the mannered grew wings And flew to a dead destination where it died And every secret is no longer secret in the open sun And the world keeps collapsing Oyibo t'oshe pensu l'oshe eraser

We were whiter than the whites Until this nzu ocha begins to kiss the blackboard And the blackness of the assumed whiteboard Made so buy the efforts of the nzu Covers the whiteness of nzu ocha

And now our heritage is lost And for that we're seen as we were not Blacks were the white

## **Bread And Butter**

Never had it ever been heard That crab and scorpion lived under one roof But you say let's call a spade a spade Same flesh we wear, same image so let's dine in one bowl But too soon pretence throws hot yam in our mouths And the fullness of your heart is spilled unguarded If we were brothers same blood would flow in our vanes And you won't be wishing me deaths

Like you eat the orange you like to suck me dry And you hug me on and on as the wineskin remains beneficial Under your heart that hits mine is a sour hatred that is heard in your thigh When then you bend my head under your knees I thought where one God made all men we are one But you mock God by what you nurse from your primal The beauty of diversity never dawns in your eye Racism masquerades into the bowl of our meal Colour differences no more the bane where tribalism hosts the parties I ask should I marry you and you ask when did chalk and marker become relatives

You leave me to wonder if marriage happens between tribes and if culture belove each other and I suffer

My sin being my source of descension and the maker you call fool becomes our judge

Marriage I see happens to couple of unlike minds who agreed to make it work

And the young shout back - that we know!

But tell our them who were before to take that, to understand what you see And our tomorrow of no quest for separation shall be

If I called for to your tent oh Israel

Tell me if I had treaded on the lion's tail or called for the Masquerade's whip

Where Pharaoh mounts her throne by man-know-man syndrome ready for battle

And cakes baked in the heat from the east man's shoulder by man with the facial marks

And inherent ability to speak my language bes the password to your own

#### share

I look to once see a blood thicker than water Where in one cluster exists wolves and sheep, sharks and sardine, oh, and foxes and hen but far from sight it exists Make your cry louder and let the hen gather her chick and let the trumpet be sounded and the anthem be sung Or the fox would never let go and the wolves won't give up until the last skin from the flesh is out

The hen has her chick scattered and laughter for stupidity never seizes Sand is spread and your eyes remain open to suffer the pains Foolishness is cheap but bought expensively Let the pray and predator stay, let blood and water flow in one stream Or even the sky may never be one with the earth

But oh, how sweet like sugar it be for sun and rain to stride where the manipulation of the mind abides with beings alone I did see bread marry butter

## Camouflaged

See you I saw whom I now no more know I am made confused or had my mind been raped? Last night I took home a damsel now what do I see? A lanky ghost from a hunted graveyard from the abandoned side Beauty one may form but another can't fake

The you that meets the eyes casts a negating spell of the inside

Conflict abodes in disagreement but this strives in concord

Deception lasts a moment after then we ask what? Beauty is only skin deep yours is in layers And so faster than fashion fades its disappearance

Colour rioting once lived with clothing but like

technology, it too has improved, have you seen yourself lately?

Your eyes too have they gone colour blind?

Ain't, your mirror would work with them and the truth won't deceive you

Brows like feathers curved, green veins and lashes like Barbie's mermaid, yet pink lips completes the blogging Ha, and on your supposed sexy face I see a nation's national flag

I fear the power of the metamorphosed art of painting Here I see beauties bought of money

And I see men in chase after beauties money can't buy Like me, they shan't waste a pound on failing fading fashions

Upon where I know cell consuming vector awaits its victims

Bought beauties are for the beasts, I'm not one Stand up o camouflaged ogre and check the next door Maybe them that desire art work may loan you a room

#### Caresses

I am tired of having the dawn dawning on me alone When I'd look out in the morning stroll Having the cool breeze of the morning caress my skin It feels like it's your soft hands and side by side we walk like it's a beautiful ball When God I beseech to step his legs along with mine I see him take my hand in his but with a mocking look That look that tells He too is asking which way you took

He had given us to each other a joining made in heaven But time and chance in our world act on everything And so he wonders Where had I been getting the breaths I needed for life He knows without you I'd be incomplete in these battles He wonders why I left you too alone in the world that pierces like sharp knife And how you too breathe when we are the air we both need And yet are far apart

I tell Him I report you to him I say I can't take it anymore That the images made by your pictures in my head Are too pleasant them everyday I adore Your elegance and your gaiety all sing melodiously in my head Your shape and figures -Those endowments leave me daydreaming What every man desires and can die for are my blessing I pray I don't run crazy having them the rest of my life of a truth I'm tired of cuddling the pillows at night I want to cuddle you like my life depends on it Have you lie next to me all night like you're the source of sleep and good rest and health And feel and hear your breath Perceive the pleasant smell of your soft hair And turn you around gently in your sleep And kiss your lip It really is time He said, I said and you too said That the two become one here as it is in heaven. Amen.

# Coat Shirt And Tie

A snore... one more snore... and 4: 30 a.m it is and alarm goes Head jacked up, and then lift the unwilling bones Those knitted together by your weakened fleshes And grudgingly they go kra-ka-ka-ka The stretching continues in the bathroom kra-ka Grudging because they know they'd still come back late anyhow Creature, where goest thou When your body a little more needs to lie Now off you go in the rush with a faded coat covering the emblematic epileptic shirt and tie All that take you three months wages in allowances to buy Not a moment to commune with your body, and spirit your strengthener Not one with your family, and God either " Go to school to study hard to graduate and get a good job" Remember the lines? They were your favourite lullabies and blab And "Good grades for better employment" were your teenage funk You heard them all against your wish like you were an apprentice monk And your mind followed the codes that gave it a terrain like a plant after light And in deed here you are at last A college graduate

Unwinged by the desire for good white-collar opportunities

Ones that belittled your chances of seeing the gold in handcrafts and soiled dresses

But you entered into the world of documents and signatures and referees Where month-end is your power of bargain and your taste and time to test chosen for you by your salaries

And "Yes, sir! " keeps you roaming the offices like confused coward for years

With nothing written down for pension as savings

Yet you beat your chest proudly to say, every year,

"I'm building a career"

I ask, when will you roof it?

Please do before the storms pay you a visit

Train your child the way he should go No employee is richer than his employer, no! Incomes and renumeration should be things of choice Born out of the desire for servitude and mastery in pursuit of excellence The labor-force is too heavy for the market Don't come and add your load to the basket Go to school to learn to create Not to be moulded for the employers' eggs a good crate You'd die living from his waste

The world is a bigger parastatal than your office, officer The sky is large enough for every bird to fly, you hear? Don't cage anyone's dreams And don't let anyone narrow yours The world is the problem that you are a solution

#### **Corruption In Power**

Like fish in the water we all are Shall we deny drinking this sweet water When I couldn't lie why then did I entwine myself I enunciate in all I say that you misinterpret non As we lay our beds so we all lie on them We've all become victims of the thorns and norm

Let the honest ones show their pedantry This weapon of mass destruction is epicene in nature Greed is never associated with sex or tribe And so its effect and produce and lessons From outside evil fingers point They play same game as we but with wisdom But ours stink, even from a distance

We put him in charge, all guilty as charged yet cry of his leadership Together in corruption we all have membership Knowing though it's a short cut to hell yet we profess its lordship And every nook and crany this termite has nibbled up With the proclamation of our best antitermite we are laughed at As our conscious hypocrisy boomerangs And our suicide mission brings death to face us Yet we aren't tired of drinking this loving poison We are addicted to eat even as it nibs us in the bud

# Dawning

It was you I saw

In my sleep or in my wake or when I handled the saw You came to bid me good morning A morning had never been this good until this morning Your good morning makes my morning a good morning And now these woods are easier to cut And weightless in lifting I laugh and whistle along proudly Yea, butterfly in my tummy

You're the rose I could scramble through every thorn to pluck You're that pleasant scent from the beautiful flower of the gardenia You say you are Sarah, Treasure you meant to say? And I say I am Mike, best for you I meant to say And I bet two will work together if they agree Nothing should be a barrier, mban?, I refuse to agree When the hearts twinkle, the bell shall jingle

Your oval face, the centre of your beauty Your diastema a heart melter And your figure? Chai! Asa nwa! Oh what belle you are, eggrogeously welcoming One in a million I dare to call you my swishtwish

The angels are out On their duties and rounds The diadem on you The entourage for you If I'd pick the stars anytime Let it be for you For no blessing is beyond that which came at dawn and became the dawn for a confused Now I can think clearly Because you are my dawning

#### Dear Heartbreaker

You enjoy the title, love to be called an ex Not minding if anyone wishes to be your ex How many exes would you keep One, two, three and more exes and number keeps going up If it were an achievement you really are richly poor Where one faults everybody every fault is one's unconscious self breeding odour

If pessimism be your weakness Aren't there managed fears you daily witness Castle on flowy seas were once built in the air and as far as the eye sees Fear has never been a limiting factor To a determined soul, rather a propelling factor But no, you got caged perhaps By the fear of unknown tomorrow that comes One that will never arrive

But hearts are broken anyways Bleeding but never shedding tears How could they when it all should be a testimony Of good riddance to bad memory But human will always be human So we bleed in the heart often

Often we bleed not that you exist in our memories any more But the thought of calling someone else what you were Brings to mind a searing imagery Like it is with an abused divorcee

And yes, you're an abuser

Because you were a camouflaged lover

Waking a heart from sleep, fed it a lot of sugar and then bashed it on the wall But like snail, in speed faster than a cheetah's, it will crawl out of the brawl And dust itself clean with honey provided from the hearts of a true lover One that's determined to face forever Whether it be real or just a fantasy

Like I'd advise divorcees to check history of divorces before marrying I'll do same of why the manifold exes before entering I'll hear what is said from what is not said To see why them you have exed Else I suffer what they too suffered

You made me give my heart dear heartbreaker And when I gave my all and left it bare before you oh heartbreaker You smashed it on the wall dear heartbreaker And left me wetting the bed every night With tears from how much I'd loved you all through the days and many a night

Oh how many precious things In search of many precious things Leave the precious things In fear that the precious things they got Are not equal precious things In life with you I have learnt That failure is a conscious effort

# Dear Lofty Amante

#### You came at dawn

At the morning when of that time I was left a forlorn Seeing the smelly mouth and irritating pus on the eyes and dried saliva by the chick, a drip of the saliva from the mouth at sleep yet you came on And when of your knowledge it seemed I have nothing to eat and even non to share with you as breakfast that celebrates what is born Ah, yet you held my hand in tacit consent and we moved on Bearing in mind what is seen beyond the seems and on and on The place of green pastures and still waters in the noontime our focused destination

And wisdom is shared and intellects and hearts and dreams

We set them goals, enough for a lifetime and for generations yet unborn we prepare tables

And scented flowers around the table and flowing streams with pearls and rubies A bed of roses we planned our home and exemplary a thing it'd be to others All are in the bud one that consciously we make blossoms by good acts we share as buddies

#### It's eleven-fifty-nine already

In this eleventh hour would I still look around and find you standing side by side with me or better still feel your hands in mine holding strongly

Would the reasons we have dreamt not seem to you like fantasy

Or would it be like the coming of Jesus that the impatient had seen as ever over delaying already

At this edge of the breakthrough would you let me give up or would you be the one urging and encouraging me

Because without a support, letting go is easy

And when it shall be that noonday

A time of dining and wining would I look back from that table and drop a tear in wish you were here today

This noonday comes quickly but this time makes it seem the farthest Sunday At that time when a Wednesday would be cherished in the days that would come after, all through merry month of May

But I see dear lofty mante that which is beyond now, beyond today Your sacrifice is what it is more than that of a mare mante

But holding on is often not easy if we aren't determined able amante

But you're more determined than even I only hope it lasts amante

For this Sunday is truly very close a day It is here ready and in it we will have our Wednesday And live forever in our merry months of May

I believe in you o lofty amante Your ability to transform stone into water and heat to iced reel You've turned my arid mind to a soft rock And you hold on to the metal no matter the heat it emits One of a kind, one soft strong heart is the key the doorknob needs Dear lofty amante, I doff the height of your commitment, though edifice you made with your sacrifice I know it won't ever let go Dear lofty amante Dear amante It's non else but you

#### **Demon's Fare**

This demon on my mind is she That gives me nights without sleep And stands all my manhood errect Comes to my dreams and taunt me endlessly Puts smiles on my wife's face as makes think for her I crave I the bachelor it leaves my heart no room That thoughts to lead remain in it This demon on my mind is she

This demon that I see is she A lolita that abaits the lecher And I the righteous is helpless How I lick my lips and brush my hair As in lust my balooned eyes follow her trail That I may admire the endowments ahind My mouth ajar and my heart beats a thousand tons at the dangling of those ahind I loose my steps and stagger in my walk Embarrassed at the eyes I caught staring Upon arrival from the deep blue sea This demon that I see is she

This demon that I know is she That keeps me late nights from home and causes deceptive lips That redirects my priority and causes a heartbreak Hatred flows towards once upon a time a lover Sulking my wealths and investments And, ah! An issue today tommorow's will at stake Oh, that disease not come after me And she a receiving end a victim This demon that I know is she

This demon that possesses me is she That dethrones my rib and assumes her cage That does not make my bed and hardly cooks my food And raises legs when I sweep the floor And I grin sheepishly for I enjoy her venums That come encapsulated in her romance And until scales fall off my eyes I journey nearer my grave And when peace eludes me and pleasure and life Like empty vessel I long back for my rib Although cage is gone and its glories too My rib gives her balance knowing The demon that possessed me was she

If this demon that comes be she Casting and binding should you not leave For love and castle are built in years But in seconds it shatters can be Let not your waist guide you For a man that can tame his girdles Oh! A woman that can go on her knees Shall not feel it when a serpent strikes When the demon that comes is she

## **Diary Of A Local Waitress**

I see him. He come that day for the first time Since I resume work here. I don't know why I keep looking at him But I'm doing so, I can't get my eyes off, I don't know if he know I'm looking But he do not look me back As like I'm looking Only on the passive Like you'll look ordinary somebody.

He order for his food, I make sure I serve him myself. I want opportunity to get close to him, I get it. His face is fair and fine and smooth And looking like a baby's own, I am liking what I see.

He is eating now, I am liking his style: Like mature gentle man, The type you wish come home everyday and say 'Honey I'm home', And you collect his bag, And kiss his lips And serve him dinner And two of you go to the room.

But now he finish his food And pay his money and go. He do not talk to me.

I get home, I am seeing myself thinking about him, I am entering bathroom and bathing And I am thinking about him. I am looking at my naked body and touching it And seeing all of me in the bathroom mirror. I am saying this body will be being for him, All of it, if he will be ask me for it, But he is not here, he is not asking. Maybe he will never ask. I am not being his type or his class. I am common waitress. I will go to bed now and be sleeping. When I will wake, I am sure his picture will leave my mind. But I wake up and it do not leave. And three times in two weeks he come And he ao And only me say to myself What I say about him. I take his food to him every time But he is not talking to me. Not at all. He only will smile. And I am getting furious. I am asking myself to talk to him first. But I don't want to talk, because I know, I know that the one sentence that will jump out of my mouth Will be 'Hey Mr., I like you.' But it will shame me, I will go and hide And I will be praying So he do not come to eat again. He come again this night to eat. He talk to the food disher. I come quick so I can serve him I do. As I carry the food to be turning And to go to his table, As I take my head up to be looking in his direction. I see it, He is looking me. His eyes are fine And his looking can make your heart melt.
That is what is happening to me, Even the tray want to be falling, But I hold it, I hold myself. And now he remove his eyes To look his phone. I get to his table. I drop his food And he smile again as he will be doing. But now he do not stop in the smiling, He do something again; He ask me my name And I say I am answering Blessing, And he say Blessing? Hmn'. I do not ask him why he do that, I can not ask him, My body is shaking Because my heart is sweet that he talk to me. But me I smile And I can not now stay there, I will be falling. He do not say anything, He continue to press his phone. I am looking at him. In my mind I am saying 'Honey eat so that your food do not get cold' When I say that My mind is asking me why I am taking care of him Like he be already the one that come home to say 'Honey I'm home.' He be not. So let me be careful.

He finish his food. He call me To bring him toothpick. I bring it. He smile. He ask me 'Do you have a number? ' But I tell him no, My number is in my phone that will be spoiling every time. But he say 'Okay, see you later.' He leave. But I will copy Regina's number on the paper. I will wait for him till he come again.

### Do I Need A Wife

If I needed my cloths and dishes washed I'd buy me a washing machine and dishwasher I'd treat them like gold and polish them fine And give them all the detergents they'd need and provide constant power too And never overwork them Never forgetting to service them without them calling for it And they'd serve me well So I ask myself Do I need a wife?

If I needed a cook I'd higher a caterer and a baker or more Supported by the househelp and domestic servants They'd prepare me delicious meals and pastries of my choice I'd provide them accommodation and befitting payment and welfare packages And grant them leaves and vacations And make them look neat and healthy at all times And they'd serve me well So I ask myself Do I need a wife?

If I wanted a company I'd get a slay queen and or a girlfriend And she'd walk me to clubs and parties and meetings We'd take selfies and groupies And visit places on trips and vacations We'd talk sex and feel romance I'd spoil her and care for her and make her And the company she'd give would be comforting As her attention for me at the times I'd need her won't be divided So I'd ask myself Do I need a wife?

If it's just to satisfy my libido alone I'd get a fleshlight for myself Like them girls would get a dildo And it'd take care of me It would only cost me time of cleaning and the cost of batteries But my sex drive would be a gone need And where technology takes care of everything Wife too won't be difficult to clone So I ask myself Do I need a wife?

And if I want the laughters and cries of children I'd go for adoption Or get a surrogate mother And oh, incubator could be there too And I'll handle them as agreed And the testament would be our stand And if I'd go beyond It's for love and acceptance' sake And I'll get my kids jumping on me In due time So I ask myself Do I need a wife?

Yes, everything is available to take care of everything Yet yes I need a wife One I won't buy with money for understanding and emotional needs One before whom I'd not be scared to make mistakes and still be myself Taking me in her whole arms despite my flaws In whose breasts I can lie and cry as a weakened man And before morning she'd strengthened me up And one to learn with and walk with and grow with One that can go into my secrecy and privacy with me One that can stand to be me when I'm not there She alone can be my manager And my help Others may go and find their ways when things aren't right But wife would stay Others would need servicing and balancing and unconcerned pleasing And teaching and grooming Wife would fit in Do I need a wife?

Oh I do need a wife Wife can look at my face and get a thousand answers She can tell when my smile is faked And know how to get it real She'd be here and there with me And never will complain of overworked Or used and dumped Do I need a wife

Of course I do For those kids would need a person to call mother And it would be true to the fact And I too need a soulmate, a partner and a friend A company to before God And a more reason for success The rhetoric irony becomes Do I need a wife

#### Embarrassment

My lover came to my house, do you know? I guess not, I guess you didn't know That my lover came to my house And what happened was what would make a monkey laugh and human cry Yes, monkey would laugh and human would cry Because, we are in constant competition with them I wonder why we would compete for the hearts of beautiful women with them

Anyway, that's by the way What happened to me was an embarrassment in anyway I was embarrassed first by my own tummy and anus Yes, these very ones I carry Up and down in my body Like a man carrying forgotten problems But I'm not complaining, No, wasn't complaining until today

My very own tummy and anus could not pretend for once, could not cooperate And so I was to hold my lover's hand and look into her eyes Like it is done in those Oyibo films, when it happened The thunder sounded in my tummy Kpukpururururukpukpurukpu And she heard it! I couldn't wait to say I'm sorry Because it was already off the anus. Shit I mean! Was already off my anus So I ran into the toilet And couldn't control the sound of the gushing, watery, flushy shit And I spent minutes upon minutes in there How could they even cooperate or pretend? It was all my fault

All my fault! I had eaten porridge beans and fried egg for breakfast and topped it up with creamy youghurt And before noon, I visited a joint for fish pepper-soup and palmwine My tummy became a latrine Now, it can't even pretend So I came out and smiled sheepishly at my lover And she smiled back at her lover I felt the chemistry was still on But my lover must be entertained, fed and so on So I dashed to the kitchen I had bought my ingredients and had boiled my rice I didn't know that it was a day my kitchen goddesses were off duty

I needed to showmy lover That if she would walk with me to the alta That she could be as much a feminist as she would wish to be She could stay off kitchen as long as she'd want it to be That her man is capable His cooking skill is unquestionable But the village witches were waiting for me there And so, I put my meat in oil on fire And closed the kitchen door as I came to behold again the beauty of my lover

But the stomach exploded again, the anus complaining And the speed I hit the toilet with was amazing And I felt my lover would be thinking me a confused man

" Why does it have to be today? " I asked

And so, another long, even longer time spent in the toilet And I rushed into the kitchen My meat burning had turned coal black And the oil was about flaming But I was adamant, I was ignorant of the effect of that on anything else I'd make So I put in onions, tomatoes and other ingredients And stew was cooked I dished the rice and added stew with four black peices of meat on it My lover was good enough and pretty understanding, or so I thought To ease my tension, she was the first to scoop the rice mixed with enough stew into her mouth And I looked at her in admiration She froze Her countenance changed While she struggled to chew and swallow what she had in mouth,

I presumed she couldn't and wondered why

Alas! She stood up and went the direction of the toilet

I had left the toilet unflushed because I rushed off out of it My lover came back into the parlor There she threw up everything in her stomach My village witches were winning My lover's day I was ruining No, I had ruined My lover got wiper from her bag yet held her bag in her hand Cleaned her jaws, chin and lips Got water from my kitchen Had her mouth flossed This impressing mission, I have lost The chemistry too, disappeared She ran out of my house My plea couldn't hold her back

I came back in Tasted the rice to know what was wrong with the food. If I weren't alone in the house, I would have fainted But who would pour me water and slap me to get me to wake up? No one So I didn't faint

I couldn't continue with the rice as well Because the one in my mouth must be spilled out immediately I never knew burnt things get bitter

So when next you see me dear brother Don't ask me why I'm not married yet because you and I We don't have the same wooing grace I'm not ready to try again You didn't know my lover came to my house But my village witches won, one to zero

#### Enough

I cannot be thankful enough 'Cause I can't be grateful enough For numbers are not enough To count all you've done for me And I don't have words enough

Just let me lift my hands to worship you Let me lift my voice it's long over due So then I shout hallelujah and speak the tongues 'Cause I don't have words enough

I cannot testify enough Oh God, you're more than just enough When I lift my hands I attest to your great works Cause I cannot list them all How you lead and make me Beautify and bless for free For your words can never not do enough

Just let me lift my hands to worship you Let me lift my voice it's long over due So then I shout hallelujah and speak the tongues 'Cause I don't have words enough

Ole` o ole` Halle o lujah

Just let me lift my hands to worship you Let me lift my voice it's long over due So then I shout hallelujah and speak the tongues 'Cause I don't have words enough

#### Ezigbo Enyi M

Enyi m, ezigbo enyi m I budi nwanne m ka I bu nwanna m Enyi m onye kwo m n'azu ukwu m na-eru ala Kee nke i meere m I no na-akoghari Enyi m, ezigbo enyi m Onye agbatobi m nke m ji eme onu Ezigbo enyi m bu maramara n'ihu gwompiti n'azu Onye n'eme ka o na enyere m aka mana so ochi k'ona achi m I ga aburu m ezigbo m ezigbo agbatobi m

Enyi m, ezigbo enyi m Cheta kwa na mgbe ikuku fere ka otule okuko na ekpuhe Ihe a na-eme na nzuzo ga emecha puta ihe Were ire gi guo eze gi onu Onweghi ihe m ga-agwa onye ji mma aga m n'azu Ruo mgbe m choro isi m acho ma ahughi m ya

Enyi m, ezigbo enyi m Buru kwa enyi m n'uto na uju ya.

#### Facebook Lover

I got from facebook a beautiful flower Now I'm entangled by her twine held bound by her splendor

Her pines and thorns like a gate keeper But her petals so tender Her image not held still far Her origin I'm yet to discover

I see her a diligent lover I feel her more than a carer Out of my whim in fear I take her And after all see her what I call her And oh I call her my wonder

#### Family Tree

Then it began from dateless times And generation begat generations Oh now my mind dribbles back the lane of past times When we ran about naked or with torn panties And time begat time and we now begat kids That shall in time tell our stories

Pains and woes have shown us their faces Joys and laughters we hold unto still Eziudo remains the moto in our hearts No matter the times we remain real Umu nwachukwu shall never know weakness

We now dwell in the land chukwu swore to our fathers We have taken the world by storm and happy are the brethren And now they that once castigated us shall now make the talks This land that was disolate is become like the garden of eden

It couldn't have been had we stayed divided The joys of togetherness breed many riches and soul upliftment Forgivenes abounds for them who wished us scattered I wait to tap thier heads as they postrate for our acknowledgement

Well, this one mother bore seeds upon seeds In the journey of marriage I need hold my eyes in my hands That I don't marry a branch of same tree I sprouted Family reunion a good nyokometer to ensure this I never did Otherwise each branch of the tree at every nook and cranny found And acts of ignourance beget pains from curses of never known cause

Lines of children continues to series of children And cousines, nieces and nephews expand forming a clan And then grands unto great-grands and it still continues Never would end when them mine come to join the duce And the family tree grows wider and richer and fatter and longer than the iroko And umu nwachukwu is known with that logo

#### For The Tears You Make Dry

You're the sun and others around you are like stars You are the apple and the best everyday remedies You are a beau, one that's indisputable You are a darling and ever supportive pillar

You are the wipe that dries all tears You are the direction that the lost sees You are the morning dawn to them that had a fair share of many nights You are the brows and lashes that guide the eyes on the face

When you crawlled out of Mama's belly Many jubilated while you cried one time for many You cried for the fear of the weight that would come on your shoulders And they jubilated for they'd seen a lifter of their burdens And a comfort and solutions to their worries And you'd never failed them

As you lead many more years of joyful influence And many more days of selfless service You'd never powers to your elbows lose Nor ever lack capabilities For the laughters you're yet to cause happen And the prayers of thanks you'll make flow to God We join the host of heavens to sing you this song Happy birthday to you...

#### Forgiven

Nothing makes the heart bleed than the pains from hurts from her loved ones Yesterday burst the tears forth and once She tasted the bitterness that she thought was for others The stabbing went too deep And the depth for revenge calls

But with love, no offence is weighty The heart sees her subject as ever lovely The light on this lane ever shines brightly Yes, no offence is picked No darkness was given a chance where it should be locked out For if it were so?

If it were so The weight would be cancerous Shrinking the glowy flesh of this heart Yet the subject won't have a glimpse And silent death would be imminent

But for a while she had a deafening aloneness Worried and wondering Searching for the friendship that once was This she won't let go Tears for hurts taken over by tears for longing In it all this one thing had won

Forgiveness doesn't exist here in her Because no offence was recorded Letting go is what it was all about Before the pain could impress She had forgiven Her only offence for which she pleads the sorry now is That she hadn't the mind to tell Offence recording is a rock tied to a drowning man's neck Forgiven it is, the antidote for heavy heart So, often as always and as should Burying the hatchet is key

#### Fortunate Without

If all I'd have were parents that others had That have them a foundation upon which they stand And gave them the counsel that is the compass they needed And stood beside them when they needed to be held And were their backbones then when they went in search for greener pastures And life partners A venture that quickened their steps Like I don't let me not If all I'd have were siblings that others had

That gave them the sweetness of the childhood journey into adulthood That gave them their first experience of love And their best knowledge of team work That showed that blood is thicker than water That knew their little secretes and taught them to unravel many more Like the hole in a cave And the cupboard behind the wall clock Acts that'd help them become problem solvers and more That laughed at them when they cried and consoled them when they're hurt and tired And argued their cases when it was necessary to defend their stands in the homestead Acts that taught them to be themselves without pretense Like I don't let me not

If all I'd have were friends that others had

That were there for them in times of difficulty

And pulled them up when they're down and lowly

That get the news first whether it be good or bad

And admister first aid first

Or even first taste

That taught them to worry less and keep away fears for the knowledge of the fact

" I got homies who're got my back"

Oh what confidence it brews

More so when they're sure of the fact that iron sharpens iron

Like I don't let me not

Better I'd been no such fortunate a fellow som'

Because all I've had and do still

Is one that's been more than it for me from even before I tasted the colostrum To the time of my spermarche the first step to life's all

Would my legs rub the mud while I'm stayed on his strong breasts Will my head be falling in simpleton while I lean on his shoulders With him I'm swifter than a gladiator with the swiftness of the cheetah And as bold as a lion Like a motherless chick I'm girded on his loin Oh with this balm of Gilead I fly without feeling the rough edges of the wind And storm no not even a cause for catarrh Death dares not stare

I'd be as useless as a salt-bathed earthworm If all I'd have is man and not him Like I don't let me not I'd been this such fortunate a fellow som'

#### **Freedom Fare**

It was dark and gloomy and hopeless The nights came with scardyness Ah! Ooh! Where do we go from here? I look to see me in the middle of nowhere Condemned to die till I am dead And I cry for a saviour less I'm damned

My sins so heavy I can't bear it all My robe stained, stinking and dull I look out everyday for a help so near A love unquantifiable for a helpless dear Aaah! I hear a cry that quickens my heart A saviour is born prophesied was it

All hail the king whose glories fly with wing See me free, guiltless by his doing Hallelujah! Hallelujah! ! Hallelujah! ! ! For a saviour I once cried now I'm saved

#### **Friendly Friend**

Friendly Friend

Prayer in my heart and the smile on my face you should be And far more than the sun smiles down at me Blushing on my face when the skies are gray and my days gloomy But you are my friend...

The friend that thinks when I back him his legs drag the earth And the hole he has in his pocket a thorn on my wealth And so he pours hatred from his breath Costly assumptions reduce what we had as friendly worth

I had planted the seed of love And I nurtured it in the little time we had that set a temple above Fanning this flame that burnt zealously of Of the sins never checked and yesterdays never looked in as we drove

But it grew to greatness And this virgin heart became prone to weariness One that can be caused by heartbreaks But it loved nonetheless And loved you with all its might, strength and prowess

As you burnt the torch for another Yet claimed to love this lover Yes, you had another lover And I wonder what you wished to play, player? Yet, you are a friendly friend

But my heart bleeds still As it beats the rhythm is unpalatable What friendly friend feeds it with venomous meal So it cries of the blows from friendly betrayal

But love will always be love It keeps loving and never unlove No matter the hurt, the assumption or the move Love grows in love For love knows one truth, one even you will approve To air is human and divine it is to forgive

And we owe each other that As I may have had you too hurt That our friendly friendship grows to be without One that keeps bile a bitter trait

#### Game

If I knew love was a game people played I would have rehearsed well enough in my mother's womb For I would score too high should I be among all who played Such a game with boundless rules enjoyed when played If I knew love was a game people played And a game never enjoyed under rules being played.

If I knew love was a game people played A bund of perfection that grumbles the stomach Of limitless quality and boundless measure if played Upon no rules but from me to you if consciously played Selflessness and selfishness denied when played If I knew love was a game people played How could I have fun with in mind rules when it's being played

#### Go Tell Nepa

Go tell them that ought to have given you light That no matter how much a time they change their names They remain to us a symbol of deep acrid darkness Wolves in sheep clothing will always be wolves Just as the police even in their shades of blue Are to us a repulsive sight of stinking blackness Though our friends they claim to be like lies to us are true In the overt truth they haven't changed a bit from the foes, fiends and brutal enemies we buy with our monies Go tell them

Go tell them that ever since they started seizing the light First intermittently, then temporarily, and now permanently They never cared to tell us what they do with it No matter how much we yearned to know honestly But now we know

We know that what they do is the indirect opposite of what Robin the Hood did but with brown envelopes in their palms

Brown because their hands are too soiled to hold the white Go tell them

Go tell them that we know that sometimes they release light When kids are in school and adults are at work And take it back then when in between the jinglers jingles he screams "School dismiss" and bring it not again And then when adults return, their hearts are heavy Disappointed at what they get in the environment they live in "Cursed be this environment! " they say Then they buy fuel for Gen they'd bought In bid to solve a hearty problem Yet Ignorants fail to know that this continuous temporary

solution to their problems

Is like a firefighter using gasoline fire to douse the smoke sighted in dry-leaves forest of Australia

But before you go let me ask you too When you buy Gen and fuel from the capitalist who pays for your light to be seized Aren't you that firefighter When you wake up in the morning and shout kill corruptists to kill corruption Isn't it suicidal

In the end my truths may not be lies And if my lies be any true show to us that they're lies We are yearning for the reason why Go tell them

#### **Go Tell Your Brothers**

If you are on Facebook,

It means you are learned or at least, you can read and reason what you've read. They are not here because they aren't learned and can't read so go tell them

Go tell them that religion is deadly, the quest for power is destructive and bigotry can kill, it is the worst enemy of man - their worst enemy. They call for wars that come after war

Go tell them to sheath their swords and hide back their machetes and cutlass and bring them out only for farming.

So that they don't kill themselves in painful delayed venture that leads to slow gruesome death by killing us - if even they can kill us.

Or cause themselves more harm than good by chasing us far from them.

They should let us go peacefully as we cry of in this peaceful time by peaceful means

So that it will all go well for us and more well for them

Tell them to stop their hate talks and threats not that we fear anyway but to give them reason to hold peace by her happy spot and to make us reason and pity them when they will need us

They push and fight and want to kill us all but they forget that in whichever way, they'll be the most hit of the victimisation

Because if we agree to a fight, they'd lose more and if we don't and they keep killing us, because they know not how to keep clean, our carcasses would decay in their watch

And bring them diseases they'd never escape from

Until death knocks on every of their doors

Yes, tell them to look around. Aren't they the poorest of all existing being As it is already now that we're still with them How much more when we leave them. Yes, I've traveled round the regions and towns and villages and cities And amongst all that I've seen They're the poorest and the dirtiest of all that exist. Our presence is simply to get them to do well and improve their condition But they hate us and abhor our schemes yet they need us Check out, see it yourself. When smart person is needed, where intelligence is called for, when hard work is demanded They call us in We work diligently for the betterment of our nation. Not that we're boastful You are good too where you are good So fact remains a fact.

The fact that we diligently are often ready to work and serve humanity Does it mean we are held captives? It doesn't mean we want to be slaves all our lifetime, no. Let peace be peace and not camouflaged.

Please go tell those unlearned brutes among you. That they should either let us be in peace and carry out our duties, trades and responsibilities side by side amicably So that we both enjoy from each other's existence One you even gain the most from Or you let us go in peace So that they can still intertrade with us And stay peacefully with us when they travel abroad to our nation Else, their lifeline would be cut short and the veins of blood flow blocked And then, they'll remain and even go worst than those images we see on the TV Of how poor they are and how difficulty and pain together hug their boney bodies

Go tell your brothers to shut their mouths and sheath their swords for peace processes to be upheld.

We are for good and we cry for good

#### Gone Too Soon

You came at dawn With the zeal and energy of a young day Promising and hoping all impossibilities to win The world seemed a cascade of labyrinth decoy You were capable of taking the bull by the horn and holding unto your gun You won

You lightened the dark world in your world for me Coming into you was a smooth journey We embraced us And had a life Where are you now dear life The us became single hearted One is now learning to be full from its half If letting go is all that matters now it would be given a hard nod It would be put in mama's pot of okpa beans That one she puts nail inside so it cooks fast It has to cook fast I have become the shadow of myself - the skeletal frame of my bone

But one thing won't ever go

Memory

The times spent under the frangipani tree

That one outside our obi nguzo

Papa's favourite place of rest where he rests on now

Where when he sighted us using refrained to his barns that are far out of use now

The laughter that resounded from mocking anyone who wasn't with us Not that we let anyone in with us

Or from the nonsensical humorous topicless gibberish that kept us talking all day long

I still can hear you laugh

These eyes went bloodshot red and went too heavy for this head to carry Your world has now gone with you Buried in opaque glass of transparent world

You are the wary you once had of us now it you lead

Should I say more

Should I say more Should I say that you died in my heart the day you murdered me in cold blood The day you made me believe mama's okpa we ate from days we left our mothers' breasts Till we could stone the ugiri trees and run Were sandstones in your mouth Mama taught me not to hold back For you I left my heart open and my hands bare But six inches is smaller to this you pierced them with So I looked on with life sank into the bloodshot eyes Space had nothing in it but I looked on Like I'd find meaning in the meaningless mirage I'd give a cold shoulder again and again for deep down there where I stare I couldn't find the you in the image I just saw This you is a stranger But without a word from across ways You left I may have eventually been man enough to confront this And may never give the chance again for as little as a deja vu But you were gone You were gone too soon

#### **Good Morning Lovely**

Like the pleasant breeze on a hot afternoon, Like oasis on a dry plateau You're my nerve's calmer, my thirst quencher

Like the skeleton to the body The pillars of a building You're my able support

I woke up this morning with the thought of you At nights, it's time with you You're my company

So your love is one that strengthens me I love you all the time, all the time

Good morning, Ife T'emi

#### **Guilty By Society**

I'm a criminal and you are too Our offence is we are in love How can a teen and a ty love each other The society would call it abomination

We have got our cloud filled The storm has broken loose We gaze now upon the threat of all

Your mother won't take it for i'm same age as she Your father neither for I call him by name And the press and the crime fighters too-Oh what power of love

Come pick my gray hair my love like always And let me smoothen your silky brown hair like always Your weight on my laps like milk sweeter than honey

Should we elope to marry or should we go in fight with the society Some freedom come by force and some force bear no gain Neither let us not take our case to court for it shall delay till eternity

Come my love let me have you now that your blood is still hot and your breast warm Let them who stay against it stay against guilt

We are guilty and loving each other is our crime

No? No. Our crime isn't love Our crime is the time that can't be beaten What comes after the love games Pains untold needing maturity to handle Sweetness that needs maturity to kindle And a time to come Your head, body and soul Won't they cry had I known Then when even plays that should be yesterday Would be desired tomorrow

#### Howbeit You I Make My Wish

How will everyone say a birthday wish without me How could the rain fall from all but from me Has my mouth been tied with a beam Hadn't it been along a stream Where free flowing words rain in a ream I shall say as I say happy birthday

Isn't it to a hero well loved? Isn't it to a crown that a beauty made Or to a lion in a jungle where all pride is guided To a deity a fine gold in a thorny land The light that cleanses path found I shall say as I say, happy birthday

Let me see the cake baked And the rice and turkey made Let all from four winds come to dine In the home where I say as I say of mine Happy birthday to the eyes of stars that shine

Birthing is a thing of fate Fate leads to doom or destiny Can the god stand the goddess' plights Has her fury dart burnt up in the fire of love One born the chosen never shall lie low If the throne of the sceptre falls in a right hand I say as I shall say happy birthday

No existence begats back warding of the clock's hands What exists begats regrets or joys Had his days been full of dark time had it been of light times Regret never makes one day dark day The world is as it seems to whom it seems what it seems Let today Be a time to say to those who live and all that lived In tears climbed the hill or in merriment or never once hit it Happy birthday to you

## I Am

I am

That picture that's hardly liked Because I'm always hidden amongst others and go almost unnoticed I am the post, that post you hardly see Because I'm always posted at late nights And so when I'm seen I'm treasured high above rubies Yes, the reason I'm made scarce That I'm valued when I'm found

I am

That money in fixed account The long-term investment That takes care of the lifetime dream Yes, the reason I'm made almost unreachable That I bring smiles when the shoulders are feeble

I am

The woman that agrees too quickly to be with you To be your help-meet and your soulmate But gives you all the headaches and stubbornness You almost do not deserve And when you're patient enough to hold on still You'll value me for love's sake Yes, the reason I'm made the way I am That friendship be one that was won

I am

That man that looks like I'm not the man Not as glittery as the dream of every woman Or as already made as they want Yes, the reason I'm made that way That since it takes two to tango We'd walk up the heights together That respect be mutual and not one sided.

I am The freedom that comes When you had been held bound by your aspirations for long And you push and pull Tug and hit So that your desire the bondage you'd been in Births you this me That would never had gone If you gave up the desire for your desire For cheaper freedom that would leave you enslaved Yes, the reason I am what I am That you are indeed free when you're free

Yes, above all, I am sacrifice That one that can slip off of your head and shoulder No matter how much you struggle or pretend If you don't have the training and the willingness Yes, reason I am what I am That you see that the world can be at your command All by choices you make

# I Am Danfo The Indispensable Son Of Molue (Lagos Id)

I am danfo The one that has a body bartered from the kondo Of the flat-bottomed police officer And his broken heels counterparts agbero With tyres chopped from the gallopy roads of aged Lagos towns and many a corner And I swerve here and there on the way, chitiki chitikitiki. Gbalagbam gbamgbam! Like an overused Lagos market pepper grinder But I am danfo

The guerrilla war assassin that the unsuspecting tired commuters commit their lives into everyday morn and eve With parched brakes and soldered stirring-wheel, I go Fearing not what comes before me, dead or alive For myself, I have no life to live

I am danfo

A university where you meet with people of many a sort

Some fully mad, others half mad and some others, partially sane -

For the completeness of the sanity of anyone you meet in me is still under debate

A team lead by the conductor that plays the role of chief lunatic asylum seekers Directed by the driver, the same symbol that writes the script

A university where the option of " if you can beat them" is not given

#### I am danfo

In me still, others are stereotypically over-sized with armpits that stored acquired life-deficiency perfumes,

The ones that are as toxic as the smell of the pit latrines of Lagos public compounds

And some others are as slender as bonga fish that they can be hidden in the breast pockets and aprons of these over-sized ones; but they have more mouths than anything I ever see

While some others carry mouth odour everywhere like it's their birthmarks But what can I do, I accommodate them all

So see? I am as highly IQed as them that board me

I am danfo

The potent disease vector

That gives generously either ways

By the change you collect or the salty body water from your seatmate or saliva from the conductor's mouth when he says, "Howo da! ! ? " If it must go by air, a lot of sneezing flies nowhere outside the windows Neither does the gas from deflating stomachs after the days absorption and combustion

The types that come out from a separated laps or one-sidedly bent body But I am patience still and so are the cursing commuters

I am danfo

And I'm only found in Lagos

The city where no man's business is your business yet your business is every man's business

Where meat sells more than food and ashoebi is more important than school fees Here, I careless what dust I raise when I ply, why should I?

Why should I?

When those who should care often see easy life yet follow the hard path They feel it's insanity to get bed of roses, milk and honey without struggle and hustle

I didn't plant that into them as their mindsets, did I?

Sha remember when I said the completeness of their sanity is still debatable? It's exactly what I meant.

And I mean it still because majority of them run back from the cities they ran to as fast as they can

They say a city without hustling, bustling and struggling is a dead one

That Lagos is the most alive place

And I agree with them because I am nothing but danfo

Yes, I am danfo That is all that is my own? I must fulfill my calling The call of my destiny Serving humanity as the madness tranquilizer and insanity calmer that I am Yes, I'm a crazy illusion as Marwa-dear Keke, can be banned BRT, taxi and okada too can be banned But if I am banned, a lot of mad people will get well And that will be their death.

Why? Because I am danfo, the indispensable son of molue

And they are used to me
# I Am Your Teacher

I am your teacher, do you know That the thought I think toward you is thought of good and not of evil low To guide you to an expected end Where your desires achieved will always stand Come now and hear me, you hear? That my rod in words of correction one you may fear Be the light unto your feet and the lamp unto your path

I am your teacher do you know That I go through a lot of pains and heartache and tears All in joy and no fears To see you placed on this right track you so abhor But you slight me and spite me and if you have the means you'll hit me for sure Oh, what one gets in return for love so pure And discipline not paid for

I am your teacher do you know That instead of you calling me nonsense teacher and saying "see his big head" in your mind when I talk to you You should be grateful for the fact that someone loves and accepts you Just the way you are And is willing to correct the mistakes that can make you less a star

I am a teacher do you know

That strict teachers produce better children in future When they order you to keep clean, do your works, stay focused and pure They want you successful even better than they are They love you almost like your mother and father Do not forget that

I am your teacher do you know

That the students whose teachers had high expectations are much more confident and secure

Children who have persistent teachers are more likely to arrive the destined end in the end

Most of you consider me your true enemy but not to the end

Because putting up with it will help you later in life for real

I may make your life a living hell

But soon you'll end up thanking me for it all

You hear?

I am your teacher do you know That all I teach is not just to earn you academic certificates But all that will help you pass all life's exams in flying colours So when you see me show a stern face Holding unto my guns For instructions I have passed All I require is you give a nod And a smile with respect and humility That's all the prize you can pay me At least for now I am your teacher, one you'll be someday To one who'd look up to you someday With lots of trust and confidence As I expect of you now rather than being a nuisance I am your teacher you should know

# I Call It Swagging

I leave my bears and they stand straight tall like the emblems of the he-goat With my half chopped hair made under the watch of my parents And I call it swagging

I leave my shirts unbuttoned With bony structured chests left bare And the sleeves of my shirts left to bray As I hate with passion to stock in and I call it swagging

I buy and wear pants that fall off my waist when I walk And show off my dirty unkempt boxers And I form bowlegs I wasn't born with Just to stop it from falling off And I call it swagging

And while walking I get me disfigured face and drag my body like drunks do Of course a sheep without Shepherd I am A local champion and a baby at forty Without focus I stay with no future ambitions And I call it swagging

I aim to be admired by her But I do not know that she cares less for irresponsibles For guys that parade aimlessly seeking them gals Guys still spoonfed by their mummies and oh, daddy's pets And I still stand and claim and brag And time passes me by I didn't know While I'm here gingering my swagger And I call it swagging

# I Need A Company

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Wait o. That I am rich That I am a poet That I am a writer That I am a writer That I sing That I am a teacher That I am a philanthropist All doesn't mean I don't need a company

My riches aren't for me They are to make these people get what they desire I am only the tusk bearer Who holds the mantle for humanity For me wealthy is a title Until it betters another's life Wealth can't give company although it brings it I need a company too One attracted not by the wealth But by the knowledge of who I am

My poems are my ways of painting the world I want us to live in for you to see Nothing can ever be beautiful Without a foreseen image So I make imagery be By the thoughts and feelings and ideas I pen down in lines and verses I need a company One that would bring me out of this lonesome world By nodding in understanding of what I had penned And give a hug of acceptance

My writing is my gentle way of taking you into the world of my imagination When I write I only think out loud It is the only way I think I have To get you to hear my voice Of the injustices and pains and hardship and love and betrayal of men and life I too need a company One that will read the vision of these tales and run along with it What I do in my singing Is a conscious effort I put in To smear your heart, mind and thought with the right reasonings, prayer and confession That the lyrics be buried in your heart And come to your memory often Then when the seeming evil tries to raise its head up high You'll remember what you heard me sing If not the one you read me write I need a company One that will listen and nod to the truth I speak And reason out the just from the unjust And take a decision that will put things and life on the right stand for life I teach so that you'll know That the things I know won't die with me when I die And I teach To provide solution to the problems that were, that are and that are yet to come My classroom is the four walls of your heart after the time we spent on the four walls made of bricks That all that are to be taught Would be a conscious effort Of connecting book to real life experience And tomorrow we can lay our heads down And sleep with our two eyes shot I need a company Not one that are students But one that will understand that they stay with me to learn along as I teach with no chalk and board When I go about in good course I had stopped taking care of myself Because I might not remember any more how to take care of you if I still pay attention to myself My acts of kindness Are my ways of offering my selfless service To paint your heart with joy and fill your face with laughter I need a company One that will be to me

A family in deed

And understand my course

And continue from where I'd stop when I would I need a company

# I Was Deceived

Bimbo, was it you or me who deceived me You looked stunning and attracting and free You were young and tender and pretty But with straight and stern face The cumulative of the usual look on the teacher's facial look file I stared at you and you returned the stare with a smile And the smile-one that can melt a thousand heart-was freely given anytime we saw each other And that was what caught me however

And my thought started swelling Beyond my control it kept boiling I forgot that you came here for learning My emotion came on fire I started burning the torch fanning my desire And then I made a pass Not minding she's not my class

Not minding but knowing That she has the body doesn't mean she has the head She may have too the feeling But she's got not the right yet to give her consent nor to decide This pedophilia makes me a pedophile in deed And the results of it all was my lesson birthed

Her smile is a show of respect and love Love for them knowledge gatherers That have a daredevil skill to pass it on Her way to show the chalk professionals respect and love That them in the world are one symbol that matters But I mistook her cheerfulness for lust and infatuation And it got my respect seared And my reputation sold And now she'd dishonor me For my abuse she couldn't condone

I got deceived Bimbo, I don't know if it were you or me Or the lack of control that burnt within me That which made me mistake your smile for a lust Pedophile is child abuse you got to know fast It's one thing that shouldn't be let to live or last Bimbo, oh Bimbo This thing you couldn't play along with has cost me a lot Should I now hate you for being smart Or should I tell them coming after you to follow suit

# I'd Love You Again

You came knocking Like the rain that showered waters after harmattan dusty dried period on a scaly desert Yes you came looking Like the great farmer looking for the most fertile spot on fallowed land And you found me And quenched this thirst I had long had

That I had only tried to control with semblance of the real thing Yes, you satisfied the hunger, the desire

And me wishing for the brightest opportunity Grabbed you with both hands and won't let go Oh, the cool breeze that blew and often slipped away like fish on the river I held like I'd be holding a crown I won I'd let you go not nowhere

Oh baby A beautiful light that brightens a thousand paths together You're the laughter provoking satisfaction that never would falter Given the chance over and again I'd love you a thousand times and again

# If I Had Loved With My Heart Along

If I had loved with my heart along I would have long been a victim of never mending heart If I had followed the trails you left too The sockets of my eyes would have lost its oceans of tears that wait to pour upon the cries for joyful phenomena Searching your bag and secret cupboards would be a conscious suicide to a heart that wants to live for you

so I play plain

If I had loved with my heart along

The sad news of your flirtatiousness would mold a lump of hatred for your specie in my simple mind Taking away the venture and splendor of true love from my bank of knowledge

Where I would be left to brood that everything that goes in skirt acts like

Forgetting the love showered by a mother from my cradle bed and my teacher from my infant light

If I had loved with my heart along I would hate love for the hate that kills your love I would hold back from giving making stinginess live within me along with her basket of poverty For all I gave you was all received in deceit And I felt like a fool in my wisdom of giving But I hadn't loved with my heart along For trust comes first and love is learnt and built upon which the heart enshelters And your ways from the first dawn was snake bent in its trails

And I did a good work of a watcher man, your supposed lover.

Trust me not as I now do thee not trust For you and I go guilt of same offence You are flirtatious and I unfaithful Haven told you I loved you while I only learnt you And today my knowledge of you parts us A pointer to all men who ventures the way I went Watch before you leap

# If Love Cares Else Good Night Everyone

Good night everyone If love cares let it find me For on my personal pursuit I'm yet to hit the spot Where satisfaction bids me welcome And all I desire is all I see

Good night everyone If love cares let it come for me It rises here and sets there Perches on every roof but avoids my branch Am I a caste or a forbidden omen Why then is mine not coloured of the everyday colours, tell me.

Good night everyone If love is real let it be true to me Sacrifice has become my second name But isn't it any more the principle of life That what you sow is what you reap Why can't reciprocation be the simple rule For all I know, If it's not reciprocated then someone else is milking it Or it has mind for another The spoken one is a lie from hell

Good night everyone If love has a destination let it take me For I've been to mine for the umpteenth time and back Thinking with me I got a partner But it has a mind of its own And bears me not in its plans I wonder if I'm there in its picture of tomorrow The word, "I" haunts me But I hear it often. Oh love, what dream do you have for us apart from for yourself?

Good night everyone Let me lie alone I hear love and life go hand in hand I hear life brings living and love gives reason For this same cause I've layed my path That life and love will abound with me If love would be for and stay with me

If love is ever true and real Let it let all go and cling to me Then I'll wake to bid y'all a good morning. And if not? Good night everyone.

# If Love Starves

Why do I have to beg a fellow for forgiveness Like I'm begging for life Why do I have to beg to be held in love Like I hadn't come from a womb Dear God, if you give us gifts Give us to those we won't beg to treasure us Like we're even to you undeserving of love Despite our sacrifices

Why does my sacrifice have to be tested by fire When often they're not faked And I shave my hair to get them to offer Why do they have to be swept off their feet cheaply By sacrifices that don't deserve them And that twinkle from a source That doesn't belong to it And their temporary illusion beckon them come And they find themselves doubting the authenticity of this That they know its roots and foundation And that has their names on it Dear God, if our worth isn't worthy enough We won't stop looking still At your right hand, our only source

Why do I have to cry to bed all night long Because I feel all alone Because the action I should take I fear to take it That I don't cause for myself another tearful sleepless night For apologies unaccepted Or for the care and attentions I should get that hardly flow in And I'm starved, emotionally malnourished Dear God, when these moments arise Whisper unto us like you usually do That it's alright, you'll be fine And make us realize that even though we're not told, We're valued and we're loved

Love is as mysterious as a poet's pen

It's a coat of many colors But you, dear God, have its perfect definition Teach us to define it So that we learn patience Better than we have now Because it is the tool With which we can win if we feel love starves

# Impossible Is Impossible

Haven't you seen That impossible is never impossible The earth tells it own tales Of the mountains that once were and never are Of the rivers that dried with heat and and pressure Of the lands that tore open and took up heights? and lands Of the firmament that gave way for pressured warming Impossible is impossible

And vegetations whisper to me Of the rebirth of continual specie However by force they are taken off Of the tireless fruits that come in and out of season never as filling as the one in due season Of the mystery of ages part that one power extinct despite its use and weeding

Of the mystery of ages past that one never extinct despite its use and weeding

And the animals sing praise

That keeps them in multiples no matter the dependence and outcry on them Of the glories of hopeless life that feeds their days And joys of living that has no source

And the human cry out

Of the legs that grow out out of non And the womblessness that begats feutus in time of laughter and praises And the empty pocket that builds the mansions in time of need And the mouth that made something out of nothing And the dead that brought dead to life upon living

And the heavenly bodies proclaim Of the wonder they know not that buys the import of the world Lord And the reason a throne he denied to enthrone the nobody And the laughter that never ceases that never wears Only seeing without end And showing without saying That impossible is impossible

### **Impossibles Were Lies**

Yes, they were, were truly were When I meant that the sky and the firmament were inseparable That the sun fed the moon without which darkness would hold the night with stenchy blackness That water in a nostril couldn't run without the nose And that the flower never has needs for the butterfly or even the bees And could let them go in pride So the butterfly should beg to stay

Had I told you the world would mean nothing if you don't mean anything That the entire treasures of the world is hid in your palms and your tender touch like the marrying of the beautiful ancient red walls of Umuokoro That your eyes sparkle like the dazzling diamond of the precious ages ago And your smile like a honey sweet that melts the heart And your dentition like the golden gates of arabian walls Had I? But I hadn't told you that I give such words because your nature is to believe in

sugar coated lies

Had I told you that I can't last a day without you

That when you tell me it's over I'm finished

And that non again after you would be the reason I live

Had I?

But I hadn't told you that as soon as you throw in the towel

That I'd only cry for as long as it takes another beau to cross my path

That seeing her stand there in split seconds afterward

Cleanses every memory I used to nurse of you

Had I told you that you're my dream come true

That your complexion and height and language and shape

Are the images I had painted in my mind of my heart's desire

That when you stand I see

I see the glamour of the maker's finished work

And the time taken to make this one of my fitting

Had I?

But I hadn't told you that a woman is a woman

Her physical look matters less

So long the thing under her pant is intact and her balls erect

Had I told you that the ideas you give are like oasis in a plateau and apple in the desert

That the words that come from your mouth show that the value of a thousand wise women are hid in your worth

That when you whisper words to my ear

They suit my soul like the icing fits the cake

Had I?

But I hadn't told you that the smile of that lady opposite When you throw me out Can cleanse my mind of all you had buried in it

And wear upon it a violet robe of continual price appreciation

Had I told you that I die for you

That my love for you is unequal and without condition

That you will have no one to contend with as no-one was like

And can ever be like you

That I'd love you just the way you are

Had I?

But I hadn't told you that love yesterday and that of today and that of tomorrow Can only be same

If same nurture was given to them all

As love is renewed morning after morning

By the sacrificial ritual it deserves

And I hadn't told you

That though I paste myself in your palms And give my heart that you toss up and down at your whim That she is out there waiting even for a crumb of me And what came to you in a platter of gold Is what she cries and can kill for

Had I?

But you know you have him jewel in your hand one that's not worth to let go

A treasure that causes you no pain but gains

As against them rotten eggs that fill the crates

I had told you impossibles will live when without you I am to live Even told you life would elude me when you cut my life off of yours But these impossibles are only impossible if you don't tread the earth alone It's my nature that first it seems That life won't be without you and it I confess But by the knock on my door It is something in skirt The existence of you lies inexistent And the impossibles I once said to you before now They all become lies

# In The Birth Of A Gold

From the numerous cells that flew along the fluid Amidst the struggles and the battles To the achievement of wall cracking And the troubles and dangers that came Defeating the nine-month battles Then the cry is heard After the turbulence of the passageway Oh the jubilations of birthing a pearl

And life's journey began at day one The risings and the fallings The head hittings and the sickenings that were The journey of childhood overcome

And the teenager begins the inquisitive life Wondering why life is life anyways Unsatisfying answers pouring to fill the insatiable mind And knowledge is born By self search and gratification The zealous strength and the ability to harness the innate potentials The tiger arises

The jewel is become a woman But a brave lion Who is never cowed at the bleating of bulls and bulldogs No, not at the slightest of threats A woman was born

A virtuous woman it was that was born A Queen in charisma A pearl at heart Bravery, beauty and wisdom personified Where stubbornness is a skill that breeds success She is an emblem of prosperity A pillar and a good manageress

Orjiugo, Vivian the Adanne If 26th June be born everyday Yet rare women would it be that it would yield One of a kind, most set out amongst a billion Most sorted amongst the zillion A treasure and a scarce gift Coming in a time like this The world needs your kind

Loving you is the beginning of knowing to love And having you is the fulfilment of a lifetime As your existence begats solution and peace You are indeed a royalty An oasis and a vine A refined gold that beautifies the alter Birthing this girl was indeed birthing a gold

# In The Birth Of Favour

A well dug for many years from a day somewhat like this years ago An inspring from a deep source And the glittering of the stars lights never fade

And Grace begat Favour and Favour ain't fair But by means a transport so swift to a fulfilment a so wished destination

And I looked to behold a rising from a glowing The morning sun epitomized by beauty A seed sprouting to a tree of many branches And here there, there here the oil flows to generation unend

Favour whose wings fly out is housing Many a birds on her shoulder Let the weak come get strength and let the strong come show his ego

Her beauty is immeasurable and her fatness is source of milk and honey

Your birth has caused no regret and till death doth us part, I shall celebrate your birth since joy of many laughters it breeds

# Indispensable

How caring you are and how faithful and loyal Oh, I forgot, and how hardworking and primal The best staff of the year and award topples awards More time for the job and less time to yourself and less life And without you, the business door closes for life

And your room, your home go ajar and your life too And kids wonder and feel you are a father Christmas As upon the cocks' crow off you go and remained unpresent until the day dies down And staggering relationships one after another give up the ghost Yet, the best staff of the year award dangles on your walls And when the body gives a warning demanding attention

And you needing rest gains optimism of self deceit saying it's an act of slothfulness

Allas! The blair of sirens upon your collapse

And after a six feet journey of yours never to return

The business doors aren't still closed in turn

And a quick replacement with a soul that knows better continues the game

You were dispensable but foolishly didn't know it

In the next life when you return

You'll give your best and not your all

# Journeys In The Heart

Things that pass through the heart Are cheetah that runs immeasurable speed Fast past the lanes of lonesome walls The blood painted streets That suppress the shouts of a thousand spoken unheard words Beautiful they may be but never see the light of day

Tunes that pass through the heart Endless melodies arose like the daisy Oh! Queen of the nights with nocturnal bliss To the nodding of the head and tapping of the hands Ears long endlessly for its soothing effects Blessing divine spirits and up to heavens Like the butterfly it is released to journey abroad and never return

Words that pass through the heart Are snails that crawl years across the path passers-by may trail and let it crawl still Upon allowance it draws trails that hardly leave if not erased Weighty it gathers as it goes and pulls down prosperity Oh on this memory lane rejoices bitterness That in words pass through the heart A sluggish slot

Them that pass through the heart at sleep and at trance Foreshadow should they be or pigments of imaginations Hoarding and nurturing make it whatever Only time tells what pointer it ends He that hears let him see the signals And smell the sound of time

Thoughts that pass through the heart Are crystal stars illuminating tomorrow A roadmap with fountains and oasis and lawns Like egg to be hatched to awaiting golden dawn Erupting like volcano only time and chance Aint taking the world by storm for before now it had lived Images made and scenes recast Roadside walls of the heart friend or foe The passers-by make be Only laid by her houser

# Langa Langa

There is a girl that I now know She has a nose like an arrow and hairs that stand straight She looks at me with those eyes that are like pen balls And glitter like torch that shines She stands like bamboo sticks And looks as fragile as the coco yam leaves Her oversized uniform is blown to and forth Like the flag that dances up there at the mast to the tunes as we sing the national anthem in the morning Like she looks at me she stands looking at our teacher Like sheep that studies the look in its predator's eyes Her innocent face looking expressionless as if she never heard the questions When she is asked them She never answers them rightly she never gets oral and written questions right They flog her they scold her Yet unperturbed she never gives up never hates school because Because she is otherwise important And yes she knows it I beat her in class she beats me in field At farm work and at painting and at marketing I never best her out When the bell of competition rings we both go She for field contests and I for class contests We both arrive the champ in our own love And my scally-waggy lanky looking mate raises the school's flag as I do too

# Late Night Call

Hello? Oh? It's you that answered! But it's not she I want to call that answered It's you, but no, it's her of my heart is in need

Call her for me Tell her to grab the handle to say hello to me Let that honey coated voice I hear next her it be Let her mention of her lips the name we are used to calling we Let her as always make fund of my baldhead that her style of speech tickles me Oh, how pleasant her voice that pulls me above every stormy sea

Let me speak with Vivian biko, let me do Let me tell her how slow the rate of my heartbeat has grown since she has not called me her boo Let me tell her how my world and efforts would be finally crowned the day we will both say I do And how the home will be full of joy when our children in their toddler will cry baabaa, coocoo poopooo Oh, please let me let her know how I see our love as pure and true

Please let me speak to Orjiugo, biko I want to tell her that since the last time we chatted about that gusto The one we both need to seer through every limbo That I have not been able to tell her of my success from the burrow

Let me talk with my Baby That calls me my friend, 'Ore mi' And I in her loved style call her my own, 'T'emi' And we blush at the teasing we give to each other so lovely How much treatment and remedy we get, oh, so lovely

Tell her to pick up the phone To get her to speak to me can ease my tension The heart I hold so dear is hers and I know non else but this one Tell her many fish swim the waters, yes, many birds in the sky but appeasing my pleasure is she alone

Has she slept or has she gone to eat? Bathing or reading or writing or am I late? No, get her to hear my voice, hear it she must It's the ointment she needs for a sleep in a cold night I wait dear call receiver, I wait

Oh honey is that you? Just say hello and let me feel my world anew My heart is frozen pale since I thought you knew But I'm here now and you're here our love refreshed like they're touched by mountain dew I wonder how I'd I've laid on that bed tonight without a hello from you I can now sleep amicably with an empty heart filled with a thought of you

### Legacy

I got here Here where I once lived And yesterday is not here It went And now carried along the memory that should be For nothing is left for a mark

I didn't see me Didn't see the footmarks I left on yesterday's sand of time Didn't see the family I was with For everything that should show we existed here went with yesterday Not the trees that I once tended Not the pillars of the house Nothing of the nativity

The soil of time had overtaken the footprints I left on the sand And the rains too had washed away my fingerprints on the wall, no, there is not the wall too What did I do Where was my wisdom

I was wise yesterday But the passersby that knew me now shake their heads Where now is that work of the wise What happened to me

Was my wealth not genuine Were my ways unpleasant Had I not been helper of men Where did I go wrong That my yesterday leaves me now with nothing to be remembered with No proof of my name, my ego

My wisdom could have been wisdom But it was not mixed with foresight My godliness could have been godliness But I had not listened I had thought those who told me the truth were small I had thought they wanted to reap where they hadn't sowed My wisdom met with desperation And drive for instant profit blinded me Today I am nowhere Not even my sons can point to it

I have learnt in my regret That when I leave a place The place shouldn't leave along with me I should put a mark That my heart doesn't bleed later as it bleeds now Footprints in the sand of time has no root Structures on the land of history And investment on the life of any one child the least Will outlive me I shall not sell no matter the prize When tomorrow comes yesterday will still be here

# Let My Village People Watch Over You

This morning I woke up with a thought of you at heart I thought how far we've come and how well we've fought We've won all All the warlords and knights sent to us by economies, turbulence and weather We brought down their walls in winning them all I know why Then I thought of this temporary time we're apart Bear in mind that we'll be joined together sooner than planned But before then dearest While you jump the necessary hurdles of life Like gathering the necessary ingredients you need for a sweet bread Ones that will aid your taking the world by storm

And deliver unto them that for which they had earnestly expected your manifestation

Let my village people watch over you

Let my village people take you out and bring you in on time Keep you safe And bond stronger our love for each other I'll watch over you more than they would if I could But the eyes I see here and there with are theirs But that we strengthen our commitment two as one to us and to our course in debt to humanity I pray for you this Let my village people watch over you

My village people? Who am I? I am a son of that bright and morning star Ever heard of him? The one they call Lion of the Tribe of Judah Ever heard of him? You guessed right I am of the tribe of Judah Of the city of Zion That one covered in pearls but built with no walls

Yes, your guess is as good as my knowledge

Those are my village people Let them watch over you

Then when you'll wake up at cock's crow to begin baking the bread And the heats of the fire and smokes that can blind the eyes try to dissuade you At noon while the loaves are left to cool off and you have pestering flies along with other vectors to deal with And at eve while they are packaged and distributed And you need the divine wisdom to discern whom the genuine men are from the fake of all in similar clothing Let my village people be your monitoring spirit Let them watch over you

You don't have to pay them anything but a piece of recognition That one that comes in three folds Of head to toe in dance in the morning Hearty discussion and laughing at noonday And a kiss on the forehead at night And a token from your purse to help the helpers But if you forget to do your dues My village people will love you still as their obligation But for love's sake I know you'll do your dos Yet, in all you do let this prayer work for you Let my village people watch over you

# Let's Do The Laughter Together

let's do the laughter together Holding hands and binding strong our unity When the heavens break loose and all eyes watch to see us shatter And the remains of our once upon a time hope Await our negative action that they be laid to rest Let's do the laughter together

Let's do the laughter together When in pains and tears we toil together When the sharp eyes of our brothers do no longer see That nobody is a nobody even when the crowd is like a sea And betrayals from a friend hurt like bites from a serpent And the man-know-man syndrome breaks the chord that holds the vail Let's do the laughter together

When we do the laughter together We'll show forth the joy that's hidden within Never being ashamed of whom and whose we are Telling them that though we die outside life rejuvenates within us Despite their threats and fights and wars against us This bunch shall not be parted If we do the laughter together

And our laughter is hidden our tears, our vows, our bond We rehearse to come take the world by storm Our laughters are deadly threat to your actions that have pushed us to the wall I tell you perilous brother we come soon and so i tell my brother

Let's do the laughter together

### Lonesome

My heart a bowl of many flowers ripe and odorant Needing a vine to mata its nectar, loneliness so rampant And now the eyes search in fetch of a damsel Who alone shall keep the heart alive and to marvel At the beauty of the porter's handiwork

Many have a Romeo and others have their Juliets When shall I like Othello elope with my Desdemona, my bracelet No matter the pain the sacrifice more than suicide still I can bear For this angel who her heart has put in my palm

Thorns and pines beat me in my dreams Where the thought of you is equated to chasing shadows I burn the touch for you as I fall head over hills My sleep is sucked and my awake taunted, oh, painful wishes Hardly can I swallow the milk and honey in my mouth As appetite gone questions me of your worth

# Love Is Everything

#### Love is everything:

Love whispers the truth to us, just that sometimes, we care not to know, or we refuse to see from it's perspective {which is often true} and so we fool ourselves with the coinage; "Love is blind". Unless of course, we chose to play along just to clear every doubt and every fault from our part.

#### Love is everything:

Sacrifices are difficult to offer but love can make us shed the last drop of our blood to make the other party happy.

#### Love is everything:

Work to impress, you may eventually lose it all by just a mistake, but work for love and even your mistakes would be seen as calculated prowess.

#### Love is everything:

Stay for what you'll get, and eventually, you'll be seen as hireling, but stay for love and you'll own everything.

Love is everything:

Friends, liabilities and pests would leave when the chips are cheap but one who really loved you will love you still and love never leaves.

#### Love is everything:

For love's sake, giving happens without counting costs, without numbering times, without thinking twice.

#### Love is everything:

Ten people can stay friends for more than twenty years for real - everything is possible with love; if it's a lie, ask your siblings.

#### Love is everything:

A man and his wife can decide they'd die together, it has happened severally but choosing to live together is the best, and it works too.

#### Love is everything:

There can actually be successful relationships and marriages without riches, if only love and not assumed future comings are the baselines; if the goal is actually staying with one another rather than presumed purpose. Love is everything:

The reason we learn, and we work, and we pray, and we show strength and power, and stay pure and true by each other.

Love is everything: Everything bright and beautiful Great and small That brings colour to life Nature and artifact But to no detriment For love guides right And gives only bests of gifts and attention

Love is everything: Nothing is costly or too cheap to love For love owns it all And all owns love With it and for it was everything made that was made Love is everything
## Love Lost

Don't love me If it is falling or stayed Just don't love me For I am he with a heart like stone understand That my heart has no soft spot Not one for any or as many that sort I am sorry

Looks can pull but I have heart that pushes Longing is a natural phenomenon but my tears is that my heart gives no returns For this I cry, really cry Like one whose world is ended And is helpless of the fact

In my world I share all alone Not happy with but I enjoy my alone In solitude I listen to nocturnal rhymes And enjoy the eerie music that belows from their harsh voices And the heavy pushy breeze filtered by the moon And I cry For the hardest part of life is felt in being alone still

But my heart is cold Bereft of love and having not to give It had gone through lots in pain And pain had killed its emotions If it were fleshy It's now smoother than a bottle Having no droplet of blood left to grease relationships with Oh, don't love me

The touches on the walls of the heart of a growing child Is the determinant of his coming days' disposition Let him cry less Each tear drop is a pack of emotions, love lost Emotions aren't as much as air Like fruits on a tree they finish too What then becomes of him Is what you created But the heart like a ship has a rudder No matter how far it navigates It can follow the rules of the captain But all is a choice Only how long would deciding take Till then Do not love me For I am deserving not any And I cry Who can love me just as I am You must be yourself an iron and a beauty better than I am

## Making Of The Maker

And at the dawning of the new day the sun sets And high hopes kiss his sprouting as the clock ticks With milk and meat and then bones His weaning days birth high expectation of his winning days Competition born by unconscious costly assumptions and comparisons Becomes the chain that draws him quick to his gray days

Lead there in the chalk hall where he is to wear another's mind With strokes and plays, tears time and fun time He endures all to befit societal crown And in the home of many books and slime His decisions for a while left in his whim He obtains the keys for a kingdom that's not his own

And his life becomes a tool of pleasing Living for them that expect him perfect and pleasing And the man running helter-skelter in confused estate Stumbling blocks, stormy weather and roaring lion leave him in worst state Observing his mate and them that had shone before He wonders if he beeps up effort or relent to hopeless splendour

Yes he sits and wonders if he is another life cycle Should he continue to align himself among the circle Of them that are seen as neither majority nor minority Or even fall below to them in the zero level No, defeat isn't an option, never a haven to dwell If there's a minority that leads the majority Them that left footprints in sand of time began somewhere

And at the sudden rise of him that was down When he'll tell his mentees the story of his ladder He'll tell them that the making of the maker begins At that point of self realization and conscious decision That the world's pattern and all her struggles lead one nowhere

## Mama, School Has Rejected Me

Mama, school says to me I do not want an oval face with curvy eyes, slim brows, and straight eyelashes With dimples, pink lips and diastema No, I should go away she says to me With my ringed neck, figure-eight shaped body and all feminine endowments nature blessed me with

School says to me I should not continue to come to her With my smooth light complexioned skin And the shoulder high that tells of confidence With my broad chest And seemingly thick neck And flat tummy that soon may be housing six packs She says if I must come I should keep away all nature's gift of masculinity and pride

That I should pocket my extroversion and introversion Timidity and bravery if I must mingle hand in hand with her

That beauty and personality are not in her place to note and use

Mama, school says to me

The ability to use stringed and wind instruments for their purposes And convert the nature's gifts into harmoniousmelodious tunes is a waste of her efforts

That why should I weave wool and cotton into clothes when all I should focus on is to use pen and paper

#### School says to me

I'd be nothing if all I know in my blocked head is how to douse my opponents and stupefy my spectators on the tracks and in the fields If I derive joy alone from using pliers, screwdrivers and hammers Putting red and black where they should connect And nails into the woods to join them right

That these are not in her place to harness

Mama, don't push me to go back to school

When all she does is repeat things that have been said over and again Long before you even were born And make me sit in one place Facing one direction And loading my head with talks I'd neither ever use nor apply Gibberish that are far from the realities, fun and purpose of life And the supposed teacher that should have been just a guide Does all the talking to us a little and to herself the most Although in pain and anguish I manage to stay

But it has gotten school here on her jaw Long after I'd had it And we came to a truce If I must do what I'd find joy and satisfaction doing Then let me go Mama, school has rejected me There's no place for my kind in her bosom

#### Marriage Of My Dreams

I dream of a marriage where my wife is me, is my friend and my partner, more like she is my skin

I dream of a marriage where the meeting that my wife is present is no longer in need of my presence because they'll get the same effect

I dream of a marriage where my wife and I would joyfully drag the kitchen in agreement to who makes the meal of the hour and who does the kitchen chores at least before the Children are grown and after they have matured out of the home

I dream of a marriage where my wife and I take turns doing the morning preparation of meals and getting the children ready for school and of course, going to pick them after school

I dream of a marriage where my wife and I serve each other meals depending on who returned home first from the day's business

I dream of a marriage where my wife and I operate the same financial account and run the same business and pay bills from no particular one person's account because we own it all together

I dream of a marriage where my wife and I make decisions together and agree on what should and should not be

I dream of a marriage where the answers given by my wife would still be the same answers I'd give if we were both differently asked the same questions because we have the same mind and agree on same things

I dream of a marriage where my wife and I feel what each other is feeling even when we may be far apart from each other

I dream and dream to wake to it

### Mate

I have a girlfriend She's so faithful and so steady and soft-hearteda friend Oh one that can never be a fiend

At morning, at nap and at night she hugs me dear And watches me over as I slump in her lullaby one she gives in a whisper And her never tiring spread arms hold me calmer As I put my strength and world on her chest

And her breasts?

So welcoming, so soothing and so soft full of fats The two tender balls I take and often squeeze one at a time Nice to lay my head on they give me pleasure each in its time

Oh this girlfriend of mine the only dear that sees my nudity And often says "hi" to the insanity of my sanity And admires my heavy muscular endowments And says no words And stays in wait for me As I go out me alone missing her

And if in days I return sadand pained I jump to her on her as I am drained And she kisses my face and sucks my tears And pat and talk me to sleep

And when I'm hyper? I jump on you and over you And the thrusting is mutual Push-me-I-push-you And the flapping sounds and moaning are amazing

Oh dear, I've got so used to you that tomorrow when I need another bed No other springless foam can be of match

## Mother

Last night, I stole your sleep like we'd always share your meal You felt like jumping off your body but you want me still The heat scolded you in silent whispers to get those cloths off Here or there or that or those places, phiam! You wondered off Restless was understatement Yet loving me was the testament Once I was just a zygote causing the throw-up And now a drummer with my legs and hands the sticks Liquid became bony flesh, it's me ready to show up Push! Push! They sang to your weary sweaty body Your under felt the teary pain The noise was my cry and another, the nurses, oh! What a beauty for a baby! Then I found me a bus-stop, your balls for my wine, ah, those breasts And a luxury, your laps for my chambers And then my journey continued More trouble to the headache Fate of this treasure must be pursued No time to put my days at stake

So dawn and eve, noon and night you toiled And you teach and I learn and unlearn and don't understand You shout and chase and wish to beat hell out of me I'd cry and you'd draw me close and yet pet and pat that I be As cheerful as you would want else you'd sob For if I'd take ill your worldis on standstill till I'm back as your wub

Till date I'm bitter sweet taste a love you can't do without For the love you nurse you'd dry the ocean for me if you would How much can I pay with if pay you back I should My wages for it all is just to call you mother Nobody else can go by that name any better

## Mother Knows That

If Biafra goes How would the middle belt region stand What mouth would they use to say Ai or Nay And their blood bank would it still have some fluids left And their tears ever stop to flow And their wailing and their lamentations what hearts would bear

If Biafra goes

What brains would build the economy And sustain the posts that this pillar holds What streams would wheel the revenue by the technical know-how The dynamics of economics are upon her crown And her sons and daughters lead the willing horse In all willingness that falls to a fault And her name in the books for books would be erased And from her too would be taken The inventions and calculations, chalks and art And even the milk and honey Biafra's Chi had given her that lies in her bossom

If Biafra goes

What would she leave with her mother

Who knows all about posts and nothing about positioning

Who lives by politics but can't be the desired leader

Who wants loyalty but knows only to get it by bully

Who wants her heaven worshipped but commands conversion by bloodshed One that gets you nodding the ground by loaded riffle held up your butt Would she be left with the wisdom that never was undressed from and only scrumbs are shown her

If famine is a nation's visitor she would befriend her soon

If Biafra goes

Systems failing would become a common sight

Beauties and strength would elude her mother

Even when she would truly be required to use the muscles she had long flexed To make life worth living by those blades that she had used to exfoliate the joys of Biafra

When those hoes she had collected for the leading of her meat past her many farms

#### If Biafra goes

Her many good brains would go along and leave her mother without Her many machines would follow and leave her mother crude Her many prides would go and leave her mother with no charisma Her many wine trees would be untapped for lack of know-how And the many heights they'd climbed would come touching the ground

Threats come ringing but the sheep is never perturbed Mother often tries stepping on the lion's tail but she watches like a toothless dog Mother fails to know that to keep the damsel dancing Melodious sounds should flow from her tomtom That this toothless dog would charge like the lion that she is when her nerve is touched

Mother tries to scare her away with heated bullets When she without fierceness makes her demand That it be granted in peace that in time the oil that flows from her head would reach mother too But mother hates to come to terms with the fact and is failing to hid to it O, because mother knows That if Biafra goes she won't survive

# My Ego My Pride

MY EGO, MY PRIDE I am a man and that's all that matters I farm under the heat of the sun and weed under the rain The pokes from the pines, the bruises from the shrubs and the blisters from handling the tools My muscles ache and my joints burn And on my mind is the welfare of the homefront What a man can do she can do better Oh, just let her make the soup Would she just mind that business

When I leave her in my stead issues escalade Emotion and sentiment rule the tide Weak passion becomes the bait, the foothold for the landmines Logic and emotion never stay on the same shoulder never function alike Now I have myself to blame having given her the initial hand When I named the animals, I forgot she wasn't there

When I put on trousers she must do same When I read books she should contend When I'm the vice she won't mind being the head And when I speak her mouths should remain unshut too And yet she's the weaker vessel and I'm the almighty Oh, let me just be surged to wear the womb

As it was from the beginning shan't it so be unto the end and now and ever more?

For the desire to be which from beginning had been

The journey of endless wondering have been

Would she just mind that business

That I might my world paint yet like it once was

That instead of die like prophesied for nibbling the fruit

I my ego and my pride may yet alive for living keep

## My Examination Anthople

Look you here o thou seemingly mighty The one that exults himself mightier than all, even me I fear thee no more I stutter and coward no more before thee No matter what aura you carry, no matter your influence and esteemed ability I have guarded me through my breast plate of study and knowledge acquisition You shall do me no harm, you hear? You shall me not keep in station.

Beyond you lies my land of refined gold

And a leap takes me there where upon my beauty and glory show Why shan't I ignore the fever that be and the prefuse sweat and its gory flow As the joy you pour is ever lasting compared to this tentative hardship When upon a crown I wear at last a reward of my stewardship

Life like a school homes us all Rewarding the deligent from five success principle Discipline, know-how, passion and IQ level I now at the top have reached my goal I bid you come the road though narrow more space in the sky a destiny for all

Regret's cold arms await to hold your shoulder Upon which a restless confort provides becomes your lover When excuses abounding become your constant gaze and master And unlike me no leap you have planned to take, no following any mentor And the children in the morrow would ask; 'Where were you dear father? '

#### My Indispensable Love

Come my baby lover Yes come to onku My love is gone far and won't be back so far Let us seize the time to touch the skies of udgambu Shall we? Come to pappy Come now, will you?

Yes, come my lover Come now to pappy This thing that makes me a man is restless under my boxer And I can not take it anymore baby The thought of you lightens the heavy load of loneliness in my heart And your freshly growing steady pointed breasts are my magnet Oh, your fresh oily tanned skin makes me drulle How I long to behold you in those tight white pants Come my lover Come to onku My love is gone far

Come my baby lover Come to onku Never fear if my love will catch us in bed No, she won't. She is too busy to give me more that five minutes I need of a woman Honey, duty calls is her language My heart understands but that thing under my boxers wont Can the stomach ever bear with a man that has no money for food? Yes, my love is scarce and unreachable It is my lover like I have no love Come to onku my baby lover

Oh thank you, you have come my baby lover Play with me and let me play with you Your loyalty is one that answers it all My love was so then when I caught her anew Until naivety cleared off her eyes And she wanting equality with me Ventured off the thin line And I know now no more who is the man of my lover and I And so my manhood suffers Neglected and starved But you're here my baby lover live Welcome to pappy

Please take your play gently my baby lover Play only with that side and don't come up here It is below my waist that needs you Not my heart, no, not my mind It is unguarded and without defence It is weak and can fall again It has a soft spot that can be touched by your gentle roles and touch of satisfaction Please don't come up here Let it still remain for my love Who thinks herself indispensable but fails to make herself so

I fear for her my love my baby lover I fear that she gets a success in her ventures And lose a home on her return Her family and a name may mean nothing What about her inner joy peace and satisfaction She may fight for equality and get it But the importance and place of masculinity she would lose Oh, play with me some more My baby lover, play with onku

She may want a divided home not me It will give you room to nest your tent And many more people would sort you like me But the breasts and hole in between your legs Are not all that's needed of any union Just like all you need is all of my manhood But well my baby lover While she is away Come play with onku my baby lover

# My Lover Is Coming To My House

Yes! My lover is coming to my house I am cleaning my room and dusting my bed Uncockroach the cupboards and let out the rats Spray the room and let airfreshner condition its scent I hope it doesnt become stuffy My lover is coming to my house

My lover is coming to my house This rice on fire doesnt want to cook on time This stew well planned, well seasoned I hope it doesnt run a stomach I am tensed and overdoing My lover is coming to my house

My lover is coming This generator doesnt want to be a dependant O, blame the power sector, I shan't be deterred Film watching is a distraction in the air of love My lover is coming

My lover is come to my house

The turkey shall be eaten and the cla-cla of the dishes shall be heard And after The sound of the endless kisses The kpra-kpra of the nylon covered mattress shall discomfort the neighbours and the sound of their hisses shall be my propelling force My lover is come

## My Turn Like Your Turn

I have reached it at last There where my eyes had longed for for ages past Where my prayers had pointed and heart mounted This height the great sky where great eagles' soars are unlimited

I saw it coming and in tears was waiting Often my patience failed me I kept wailing I could have lost hold couldn't have stood all strong But determination not even discipline kept me going And self rekindled hope was the milk and honey I kept sucking Alas! I laugh smiling

Today is yesterday gone and tomorrow coming I have seen that waiting pays I didn't deny my maker no never could cry of his non-existence I won't affeign him the pains others brought on themselves Circumstance of which we fell victim He heeds a well channeled call in time for its time His glory is shown only to him who waits

Now I am in my turn And my prime shines on Await yours for it comes soon Don't throw in the towel For even there where it would fall It won't get any cleaner than it was But the was is on the process of cleansing Square one to zero isn't any perfect a slide If it got to me on this side Behold the tentacle is still on the spread

# Oh, Girl, Don't Do A Broke Guy

If he doesn't have the money Dump him and opt for a better he You were not born to suffer Girl no go die on top this matter Sweetest lines on all babes tongues Sweetest notes in all baes songs It's all now sounding like broken records

Drop him nonetheless

He should be able to take care of you at least fifty percent Love the money and nothing else Love can come later if money come stays constant For love's lust lost is directly proportional to money come Else how dare he for you come Tell them he is broke because he can't care for you But first remember they'd ask you, what are you

And remind you that if it were easy Your parents won't leave you in this state of pity Where you have turned relationship liability And domestic begger If he'd give you heaven and earth you'd lick his spatter If it were easy like you think it of him Why aren't you on top of your game Or aren't you a human too as he is Or was he born to be the Christ that takes away your poverties Stay calm dear bae and hold unto who you have If it were easy, you won't need him for anything but his love

The rich get richer because they diversify All needs sacrifices that can toxify Everyone they meet must be one of like mind A life partner mustn't be of different kind Else the rich struggle and age quick and die young A wealth man is on a course so long One he can't entrust in the hands of a party loving panther

And so when you leave him thinking he's broke while he's on a course He cries wishing you had a little more patience Nonetheless he remains glad Knowing that you that left him now won't stand At the times when the basic give-it-all sacrifices wouldbe needed And patience would be required to get the good course cooked At the time when it'll be required you both soiled your fingers And venture into ventures that would tear your flesh off your skins Would you stay a faithful stake and put your stakes in Or would you withdraw claiming you're a woman

A man with vision is rich ever A man with achieved vision is richer But the one with a help-meet that understands sacrifices at heart, in the hands and in tongue The help-meet that catches the vision and run along That man is the richest and a successful man Oh, girl, I warn you again Don't do a broke guy But a guy with vision bye and bye

## ?laedo M, My Golden Jewel

?laedo m,
Ma n'anw?, ma n'ozizo, ma ?b? n'?g?r? nke ?wa,
Otu?b?la o siri d?,
Olaedo m, i b? obi a??r? m
Otu naan? nke m nwere
My golden jewel, no matter the life's weather condition,
You're my joy
My one and only

?laedo m, Ekpere m bu n'obi ?ch? di m n'ihu, na ekele di m n'?n? I biara mgbe m ji ch?? gi kar?a uruniile d? n'?wa I biara ?f?ma Keekwan? ka m ga esi gosi gi ka a??r? m ha My golden jewel, The prayer in my heart The smile on my face and the praises on my lips You came when I needed you more than I needed every other benefit of life You came well, How can I display to you the amount of my gladness

?laedo m, Ka m b?r? otu nwoke mmeri a meriri obi gi Nke duuru gi ebe ns? nke agbamakw?kw? Nke gakwa aga ebe gi nke b? ebe karichara ns? Ebe any? ab?? ga emep?ta ndi Chineke s?r? any? gaa mep?ta Mkp?r? ih?nanya any? ?laedo m, mgbe i kp?r? di gi, ure gi, oku K'?b?r? m p?tara bia za gi My golden jewel Let me be the winner who won your heart And match you to the altar Let me be the one to enter into your holiest of holies Where together we shall produce the creator's heritages The seeds of our love My golden jewel, when you call on your husband and pride Let me be the one that answers

?laedo m Ked? ebe i ch?r? ?gb? ak?n?ba duru gi Kwe ka m b?r? ?ny?nya g? Ihe?b?la b? ar? nd? g? Otu?b?la i ch?r? ?met? ?wa a Kwe ka m b?r? kpakpand? na-ezi gi ?z? Ka m b?r? ngalaba i nwere ike ?dabere ?b?ladi mgbe o ji d? ka ike ekweghi gi Otu i nwere ike b?r?kwa nye m Tinyekwa na any? ga-ab?r?kwa ezigbo enyi onwe any? Ga-an?nyere ibe ya n'oge niile My golden jewel, Where would you want the ship of wealth to lead you Let me be your captain Whatever is your life's dream However you want to influence this world Let me be the star that leads the way Let me be the pillar you can lean on Even when you may be getting weak As you will be to me too And we will be each other's friend That will be there for us at all times ?laedo m ? b?zi s? q? d? m n'obi n'oge niile Ihunaanya m nwere n'ebe i n?

Kariri ihe ?g?aja ga ag?tali I b?r?la m ezi udo nke chi nyere m ? di m obi nma My golden jewel You occupy my heart at all times The love I have for you is immeasurable (more than the sand counter can count) You have become to me a perfect peace given to me by God It gladdens my heart

# One More Lap

Before throwing in the towel and calling it quit

Have you given it a second thought, have you?

Have you searched the reasons you want to let go

And they are not birthed by temporary illusion and fear, have you?

Or checked if your strains won't birth a time of joy that would wipe all tears on the go

And leave you with resounding 'thank God I didn't quit', have you?

Are the challenges you are having like those that come as obstacles To them that so determined to climb the Everest and touch its peak Or are they simply detractors that should set to help you device another means to your goal

Something you needed to calm down and ponder on, have you?

They had been many that got at the edge of the break-through but couldn't see it

They felt too like they couldn't just take this life this way anymore

Some 'em gave up for weakness to fight on

And failed to see reasons to

Others took the one more lap

And despite the discouraging factors they moved on on it

And here bringing them face to face with light outside after the tunnel Is the one more lap

A lot come to pull you down One more lap will lift you up What had you started? With you alone or with someone? Never get cold, no it ain't part of winners Your reason to quit maybe genuine But the end if you don't quit would be more genuine A time of teaching to them up comers When in pride you wear your scholastic robe of experience

One more lap gives the baton Another more lap gives the trophy If you were two and you quit you die a hope Though the other may continue But you've left a cut of never-to-trust-again which may take time to heal If you were two and the other quits that dies a zeal You may clean yourself up and forge ahead never giving up And never seeing that dropout as excuse to fail If you were two and the both of you quit You die a dream And dreams killed is a preplanned destiny aborted Why abort when a time of labour is less put side-by-side A time of productive satisfaction

See the cost of quitting is costly The cost of one more lap is extra determination And the gain of it is a life long joy

Don't quit now You have not asked yourself what's in for you in the end Have you? You haven't started seeing with the eyes of a winner Have you?

## Ore Mi (My Friend)

Yes you are The the falcon that holds the falconer Like the pillar that holds the building The priceless jewel that keeps the farmer going

Yes you are The companion where company is scarce That drives the loneliness and breeds laughter And journeys side by side shoulder length with the hopeless

Yes you are

The partner in fulfilment of dreams that was made and not long foretold The one good head that completes the two good heads That wear one crown and give the kingdom her best rulership

Yes you are The spot where love is found That gives me a person to call Ololufemi And Ife t'emi My desire and my love

Yes you are

The one that keeps my head standing tall when others are loosing theirs The comfort I have from the day's turmoil if there were any The shoulder I can lean on and beat my shoulder that I have strength

Yes you are More ever valuable than a sister More watchful than a brother More prayerful than a mother And the one behind me a successful man

Yes you are The love I found when I found love The joy I was given when I sort it The mate I got when I needed one You are my friend, lover and partner You are my wonder that keeps me wondering The Green Green Green That beautifies my world with your splendor My friend, you are ore mi

## Pedophile

Leave me alone, leave me let me be You say you're my favorite friend but you're not, not at all for me You're rather a wolf in sheep's clothing And I know what you're wanting

You want these imature breasts of mine And my behind that seems swollen enough to fan your desire You say often to me that I'm fine I may be fine but I still see you as a liar For you say it to get what you want

Leave me alone and stop calling me to come to you Stop calling me siisii And stop whispering that I come to the back with you And stop holding my hands Otherwise I'd tell my teacher or my parents And they'll tell my Principal And my principal will tell the school And the school will tell the world And the world will take from you your rights

I'll tell them that you like touching me in my secret places You like to cross the boundaries But you forget You forget that I'm still a child One you should protect and guide I'll tell my mates too So that they'll watch out for you and your kind

Please leave me alone I am not ripe yet Let me experience childhood on my own Don't deny me of it Your acts will give me wrong notion of adulthood And injure my emotion If you treat me this way you'd be wicked

Treat me right and teach me genuine love Teach me how to treat my children when I grow Control your desire and discipline your emotions And you won't have to see kids as your playmates It is a wrong thing to do

#### Please Stay With Me

Although I'm not begging you to stay with me But before you go remember You were the one that came to wake me up from my sad slumber And poured milk and honey in my heart and beauties like roses in my eyes And made me see the sweetness of life That one I doubted its existence And smile dawned in my face Now you're taking it away?

Although I am not begging you to stay with me But before you go remember You led me across the desert And to the oasis from where my thirst of love was quenched And now I swim the ocean of love And the possibility of oneness from a duo That too you want to take away?

Although I'm not begging you to stay with me But before you go remember You drove me to that land Where I had bashed my hopes and aspirations to the walls And decided there was no need to live the life When there's no propelling force, an end means And you helped me dust my road map That I can find a way to my route Now I run faster than I once did alone Because you're behind me Aren't you going to hang on?

Although I'm not begging you to stay with me But before you go remember We had dreamt of where we're heading And planned the life we want then when we get there Now we are on the route to it And you want to leave me on this lane alone?

Aren't you going to hang on? I'm almost there Yes this route is tough and seem narrow and bumpy The bed of roses we anticipated is almost here But this terrain we are in Has to be made smooth by your decision Is the decision to stay a hard one?

You have not been a bad egg but a butter that smoothens the tray Wisdom put to work takes away all plans that may cause traffic

Although I'm not begging you to stay But before you go remember The golden egg would be laid by the golden eagle But on the golden nest that stayed put for it That refused to be moved by the weird wind that came

I mustn't beg you against your will Although love demands that I do I actually am But should I rape your mind for love I mustn't beg you against your will despite how much I need you But you loving me truly would show Upon self inconveniencing to stay for me And it won't be inconveniencing at all

Although I'm not begging you to stay But before you go remember I love you Stay if you love me too Yes stay because this tears run down uncontrollably And I can't find a place to let them fall My mind is full of the times we shared together How pleasant, our words together, oh, how promising And hurt tears keep gushing Because I don't want to achieve this fit without you Or with someone else that ain't you Your dreams, my dreams, our dreams Oh, how much I believe in us

Although I'm not begging you to stay with me But before you go remember We both may find partners to move on with But none of those partners Would ever love us like we do us now I'm very certain we do

I wish I can beg you to stay I'm glad I don't need to do that Because you're here still with me Aren't you?

#### Potency

If the word of God could put to play What was dead and down in clay If the word is here to stay To make aright a crooky day Shant I then my faith be stayed On that which once had broken bones raised

If this word could come in flesh To make condemned deads live on as fresh If in storm and heats and rain Hope abounds that peace should reign Shant I this anchor then be held That my soul and flesh aright be lead

Yes the word has come and gone Yet is that I to God should be a son Come ye near that ye in him be born That afar from you the dirts may run And time upon the trumpet cry In joy we sail to home on high

#### Praise Ronke My Praise

I will call your name a sweet song at morn At the time the sun smiles at me at dawn Let me see the beauty of all creatures and more A thing of joy more reasons to ardor Her presence a morning cake to man I will call your name a sweet song at morn

If I call this name the more The greater hands gives me the more A secrete hidden from time of yorn A life of gold laid as dust and battles won Shall my life symbolize and mouths professed No matter how many enemies I parade If I call this name the more

A name a song put in my life to praise Like the whistles of the wind full of melodies Like the blacksmith's work purifying A man and a home made fine Praise Ronke the sound of my music A gift about a world so specific Like the whistle of the wind full of melodies A name a song put in my life to praise.

# Queenlet

The assumcious bulgy eyes she has The morning dew I see in her eyes The slender elegant body Oh, a glorious ebony brown complexion that spells beauty And bonny brown hair so full and loving Oh, my baby, the morning that took over my mourning The laughter I see, my everything

Behind me the success she stood The neck that carries the head The shoulder in time of weakness The hide I have, the coolant from my stress

Have I needed laughters? I sort her though herself does little except the talk mesmerizes And she gives a giggle and a hiddle And I fall off my couch in laughter One so satisfying, laughters without number

My mind gets made up Not without her and me looking the issues up Reasoning she does along And same I do too as one we belong And decisions taken as should Oh what a manageress of my affairs I hold

Of her prowesses the best is made Of her passion and her stand She's no lazybones, no, not a sloth An epitome of virtue with trail of wisdom in her treaded path She satisfies both beauty and the beast And needs of the needy met

Oh her love so overwhelming My stand with her gone beyond petting Our love once like a child into adulthood growing And a blessed foundation it is upon which we're standing

Tempered but appeased by truth

And what should be stayed long becomes no lasting wrath And she smiles again To curdle you like a child that for once she bore many a pain

The long time coming with her All in one round of some bouts and joys, doubts and pains together She qualifies one of a many lifetimes with And over and again even in next life and more causes to breathe My choice will choose no other But this queenlet with whom together Upon coronation we'd rule many a kingdom of palaces and empire

## Remember Who I Should Be

I am the womb that gave you life The shield from harshness from uncanny uncertain destination And you had to breathe by my breath And bone up by my bones Did I ever let you down even when my strength waned and my life at risk?

I am that channel through your journey of never existing to existence The pain was searing and my blood flowed My will failed and my desires left me until I did the final scream And your first cry was heard Did I block you out Even when I could just end it all by closing my then weary laps And thereby snuff out of you this thing you and I so cherish And that we both see as life?

I am the breasts that groomed you and the palms that nurtured you The tears that flowed when you're down And the laughter that resounded when you're up The failure that failed with you and the winner that won with you Even when trophies often would touch your favourites' hands before mine, if they will ever Did I ever let you go hungry even when it costs me my clothes?

I am the heart that bore you care That made you my starting point and my ending point That hid it from you when I'm gray so you don't lose confidence So my fainting body doesn't leave you worried And my tears sap your hope Did I ever pour you out with the dirty water Even when myself I feel frustrated and almost giving up

The government is on my shoulders Heavy enough to let me go on my knees For the thunder will daily go and rumble And use and get used And will later here on my laps come to lie I must be both useful and lustful distraction else I'm a liability And the home-front must uphold the name we're given To be their father's else they're mine I am also the ear they need at dawn The company they seek at day And the pleasure they want at night I am their calmness and their pride

I am nature's treasure, beauty and completeness And I am nature in itself The continent that bore all jewels The mother earth that holds all on and keeps all in

I am everything anyone needs Mother, friend, lover, and? I am the reason for quests The decider of peace And the cause of war Ever indispensable reason for success and confidence And bringer of respect

Remember who I should be And let me be who I am For I am woman

# **Roll Call**

The hedge is broken and the serpent has striken Where now do you run to from the pains that have smitten Will you be writing me a letter from hell Or shall we be dinning together in a home far so well Home draws nearer and its distance far so shorter And award comes with a roll call at the eleventh hour

At this eleventh hour of yours the sky has gone dark The designed construction that had kept it from going dark Was given you since time immemorial But one ear took it and the other swept it out Now the head is off and the ears aren't spared Too late to cry now that the milk is spilled

The roll call has started and it approaches your turn From a distance you now see this world's beauties as vanities Vanity! But it took your moments and your heart and precious soul And the body, the spirit houser no longer has its content Standing now it breaths by the remains of the long gone landlord How rotten, better hidden than exposed

Tell them to send no messanger here

When eventually you cross the border to there

For if we dont hear them jinglers here we shan't here them of the spirit become flesh

The roll call is on call make no delay

And take heart for upon hardwork diligence and pay

You earned yourself a worthy destination of pain without end - Hell fire.
# Sad Disvirginer

It was trust you laid on my shoulders It was faith you cast upon me It was your dignity and pride you put in my palms It was love you thrust in my heart And believing the best comes out of it Now I'm sorry Sorry for the calculated agreed pain I caused you Sorry for making you shed the tears of transformation from girl-child to womanhood Sorry for taking it step-by-step and then a little forcefully just to make the pain go away quickly, once and for all Sorry for the broken hymen broken to knit our hearts together as one Sorry for making you let go other suitors you may have desired just for me amongst all But you make me feel bad, why? When you re with me yet you make calls on phone to and with others, You chat with them other brothers on whatsapp and SMS, leaving me alone in my own world, Making me feel lonelier even when you are right there with me I feel like I'm no one, like I don't matter, like I'm not needed, like I'm not respected If you truly you have given yourself and your heart to me and not to them, please make me feel like I alone own you When you are with me, please don't make me feel jealous, don't make them come before me because I love you and I die with jealousy And I love you Love you for who you are and for what you are For the precious pearl that preciously dawns in my life I love you dear precious pearl, my precious dawn

## Sambaland

Sambaland is the rain The one that causes the teeth gnashing to rise And makes flown away dust smell like mixture of moon and sun Oh my skin glows But I fear and shudder Aquatic Pruritus holds me tender Won't let me go and dance in sambaland

But I dance still Holding my heart in my hand I await this itches against my will My friend, oh, my enemy, dear Sambaland I love you but I'm conditioned against my whim

Against my whim to let the flowing splatters on the roof touch my skin, but I win When I dance under the mass droplets from under this Sambaland The dry iced pebbles hitting my head While I sing in the Sambaland's storm that pours on Dancing to stupor just to give me a light head

That I may drift far from adulthood's drill At my backyard naked free from prying eyes I cry for pains reminded me by these pebbles And I too don't see my tears For it is buried amongst the waters that flow through my chick against my will still

And I'm joyed Because I'm refreshed The company of the sambaland and her many voices bury my aloneness Helps me think and gives me clues Sambaland works well like a massage after a hard day, one in which I won

# Say Ye What Worth I

If I die today, will you tell them? That I was the tree with many branches that a lot of birds perched on That my leaves and shades covered them from the harsh and stormy weather That my strong curves provided them the hold for their nests That my flowers attracted worms and insect that became a food That the fragrance from my flowers provided them the fragrance they need for air-freshener And the beauties they need of a scenery, Will you?

If I die today will you tell them? That I was the fingers that fed you And the hands that held you And the cup you drank from That the milk and honey you needed for nourishment was I And even when you had many mouths to feed I let you have your abundance, Will you?

If I die today will you tell them? That when you needed a shoulder to lean on I provided mine And the ears you needed And the wisdom you sort When your energy was not I gave mine like it's all for me And my shirts provided the drying you wanted Then when your tears flowed And my palms? A soft calming relief you needed for a pat to suit your grief And bring you comfort, Will you

If I die today will you tell them? That if you ever climbed the heights you stand today I helped you stand And that the time when everyone thought you a failure I saw you as a winner And saw to it that your innate potentials Brought you this celebrated prowess That brought you recognition That the encouragement you needed to carry on came from me, Will you?

If I die today will you tell them? That the glories you got today You got from my untiring selfless effort Which I sacrificed in giving you a proper tutelage That you got from me the Foundation upon which your intelligence stands, Will you?

If I die today will you also tell them? That the civility and morality that burns within you That the spirit of patriotism And love for humanity Characters that have become the completeness of you Were traits you found in me And chose to live alike That my core nature was transparency and honesty And that I had dignity and raised my head above and shoulders high A positive attitude that gave me my pride One you learnt was my way of magnifying my office And standing bold to who I am And you learnt still to live alike, Will you?

If I die today will you still tell them?

That I taught you to stand for what is right

And inconvenience yourself to get justice for others no matter the cost

And speak for freedom to free the captive no matter the strengths of whom you have to face

And even if it costs the last drop of your blood

And I taught you

That for humanity, selfless service and sacrifice endears you to the universe, Will you?

Tell me if you won't tell them all these when my eyes shall close in death and I kiss the red soil

So that I will know

So that I will know that I haven't done what it is I have come to this world to do And suspend my journey to the great beyond Until I have done it all Yes, I won't die till I have done it all Else, my living would be in vain And you'll have nothing to tell of me

#### Sinora The Love Monkey

Sinora the love monkey is busy Buzz buzz buzz As busy as the bee Buzz buzz buzz She got loved by many others Buzz buzz buzz And she too loved many others Buzz buzz buzz And age continued to count Buzz buzz buzz And she has much fun upon the count Buzz buzz buzz But then came her way Buzz buzz buzz Amadilo the baboon who came to play or to stay Buzz buzz buzz And she gave him her heart Buzz buzz buzz Like he gave her his first Buzz buzz buzz But then impatience sets in Buzz buzz buzz It all isn't becoming what it ought to have been Buzz buzz buzz Or he's not yet ripe Buzz buzz buzz As she needs this hype Buzz buzz buzz And so while with him Buzz buzz buzz She sought another in her whim Buzz buzz buzz

It clicks for she and Zingo the chimpanzee Buzz buzz buzz She calls him Bobo and he calls her baby Buzz buzz buzz He gave her his heart Buzz buzz buzz That gave him an ache of the heart Buzz buzz buzz Because she's in pretence Buzz buzz buzz Thatput him in suspense Buzz buzz buzz She's still with Amadilo Buzz buzz buzz Yet swore with him old to grow Buzz buzz buzz In marriage and in living Buzz buzz buzz But she shows less than is seeming Buzz buzz buzz What can he do to prove her? Buzz buzz buzz If she'd love him for forever Buzz buzz buzz And he came up with an idea Buzz buzz buzz

Money won't be with me Buzz buzz buzz He said to her to see Buzz buzz buzz Her reaction said a thousand words Buzz buzz buzz Words that showed it's all false Buzz buzz buzz

It was a test that told the real her Buzz buzz buzz And in short while it brought it all over Buzz buzz buzz But she went back to Amadilo Buzz buzz buzz And stayed like she never did go Buzz buzz buzz And Zingo felt the pain of her leaving Buzz buzz buzz But felt more sorry for Amadilo on what mate he is keeping

#### Buzz buzz buzz

And so you learn to see well Buzz buzz buzz Think wise and act wise as well Buzz buzz buzz And look it all very well Buzz buzz buzz If the mate you keep with you would fare well Buzz buzz buzz Keeping a gold digger is life in danger Buzz buzz buzz Opportunist is an abuser Buzz buzz buzz No haste, have faith, be smart Buzz buzz buzz Your friend and joy comes fast Buzz buzz buzz Not like Sinora the love monkey Buzz buzz buzz But one that will help your destiny Buzz buzz buzz

#### Suicide Is Not An Option

Suicide is not an option It's a denial of the fact That there's a way out When you die yourself is it with what intention To cause a pain or to win a fight Suicide is not an option It is the giving in and acceptance of a fact That's never true Suicide is not an option don't you see

Don't you see That the walls in front of you are mirage Common camouflage That blinds you from seeing the possibilities beyond this sea That makes you assume you're an ant facing the giant Whereas within you lie weapons of global destruction Or rivers of living water One of which is the best to be Suicide is not an option don't you see

It's that self pity of a weakness That makes your tears endlessly flow That drives you hiding in a corner and makes you seem esteemless It's depression

That pain of feeling alone in the world full of acclaimed lovers That makes you fail to see that you're supposed to be the leader Not the lead The lover that teaches to love not one seeking to be loved The light that multiplies itself in the tunnel Not one waiting for that at the end of the tunnel The one that hunger teaches to feed the crowd from the foods within Not one that sits and cries "Oh God, why me? "

Oh yes! Suicide is that weakling within That blurs your sight from seeing That earlier than normal you're wearing the crown Than normal because your kingdom was meant to be abnormal Yea, abnormal is supernatural

#### Don't you see

Suicide is not an option But the highest heights of all selfishness and wickedness One that the judgement will start here before you hit the grave One that you'll surely be found guilty of Even you would see When you're left to wonder with whom, dear Shepherd, you abandoned your sheep Now they're like flies following the corpse to grave And many destinies aborted Because you thought when you died you aborted your destiny alone You didn't know That a thousand and one plus more other destinies were planted to grow out ofyours But you killed them all Suicide is not an option don't you see It's a tool that blocks you from using the key on the doorknob All your life you were walking to the door And here you are tweaking the key to unlock the door

Just a little more effort

And this tool holds you down

It's your mind, the tool, the enemy

And you let it win

When you're at the edge of the breakthrough

It wasn't an option, don't you see

It wasn't an option for me Once upon a time I begged and even cried for things to change But they didn't until I started commanding On matters concerning your life Don't beg Command And you'll see that suicide wouldn't have been an option Don't you see

Suicide is not an option It wasn't for Oprah Winfrey who was molested and abused And she was raped and had child whom she lost Young she was at fourteen But today she counts huge currencies And many destinies reach theirs by hers Wasn't an option for Einstein who couldn't talk at four And was mocked at by his teachers and mates But he till date has a name in your home Wasn't for Obasanjo who fought poverty to climb ladders Isn't he one of the world's political legends You want one more person who suicide wasn't option to It's you And it still won't be, don't you see That those who made it are diehards One of which you are

## Take

Take me now that I'm available for you to see Otherwise I'd fly like a bird with wings flapped freely Have me now that you own me Otherwise the trees won't sense my perch for all they'd stay For today is tomorrow and tomorrowwill never be

Build this irrigation and cultivate this land No matter how crude your tools And how uncultured your skills You have enough fallowed the land And watched it ripe with ease Even though of how long it waited for you it had cried If you need extra fertilizers they're in your palms

Here and there are passersby Trespassing with a purpose in mind Watching how the landlord lets time go by Is there a bill on trespassing on one's land One that freely gives access to one who can even buy We are ready they cry How uncanny life can be The cap is owned by people without head, see?

Wealth is coming when the winter is over We'll tie up muffler and smell of riches all over We'll take selfies and fly cities over And show off our offsprings that pour of our communion, commitment, love and power When I'd take control from where you stopped over And make the harvest plenteous over And then you'll be glad you didn't place your hand on the plough and looked over Because being diligent with me a name you've made from the time of hardship now over Playing your part in this system that's now a wonder

Oh, otherwise time is coming and now is perhaps This height you jump from freely you may need a trolley It was there on platter of gold you kick and pass Don't let it be when you'd desire it most you'd need tears, even money Or late still for someone had seized what was rightfully yours Today is tomorrow and tomorrow will never be Take me now that I'm available for you to see Otherwise I'd fly like a bird with wings flapped freely

# Take Heart Mama Nigeria

You're growing old Vast in experience and knowledge more than I'm told More than I see Your beauty is beyond the reflection of the marriage between the setting sun and the sea Your skin glows like that of the African princess smoothened with cucumber and honey Your face is quite oval with big suckling lips, and pointed lashes. When you smile to any They hold their breaths at the sight of your dimples and gaps in between your front teeth All that make your smile infectious Your breasts? Oh, two attractive beauties that house all the resources needed to feed all your children and more But what do I see of you now? Mama, you're abused Abused by these sheer rapists that have no compassion no love for you They come with sugarcoated acids in their mouths And spill them on your face And when you're helplessly down in agony and tears They begin their operations Not even condom is in the list of their tools of brutal operations To avoid injection of deadly semen so that the ovules and the embryos, your future generations, are not corrupted Or that they don't infect you with life threatening tuberculosis that breeds kwashiorkor They squeeze out the breast milk from your breasts and store in their banks abroad

And claiming that they're making you up they use their makeup tools to drain every liquid off your robust flesh and siphon all your body contents

And your kids? Oh, mama of many children!

Your children have scattered themselves here and there and have forgotten if there's ever anything like unity in diversity

Aboki says it's his birthright to be the head

Nyamiri just rigmaroles and looks and waiting for time ahead

Omi Obe swims in loss of identity and sadness he brought himself as a result of

his role as a betrayer And then even your kids in them three suffer from malnutrition and confusion They cry Who will our saviour be Yet, it looks like their future is written on a sky of cold stone

And I see for tomorrow A time of let it go or bloodshed When these children will hold the bull by the horn When rigging will be faced with bullets and machetes Blows and beatings and not time consuming court sessions It will rather then be division or unity in diversity Because steps taking by those concerned have nipped the cancerous pangs in the buds So I see a beautiful dewy harmattan dawn after these mournful heartbreaking nights

wounds And they will come along with surgeons

To smoothen the patches

Mama, at this age, you are still young It may not be alright now but years to come it will After all, your role-models are two hundred years older than you You read what they too went through when they were at your age But in your case, things will get better sooner than usual I know so Take heart mama.

## Tell Me " I Love You"

I cried my eyes out once For nought had I had it since Any that would look me on, true And tell me "I love you"

I long for it often and time But you look me like you would a slime And pass not mentioning a word One sentence could make you seem a god To this heart that's so troubled

And scarce the words remain And zeal and passion fade in Care and concern chased far For the kindler's head did hit the bar And no more does anyone tell me what I so pursue Nothing but the words "I love you"

That weary wondering son of man could regain hope That hungry battered child could smile still in hope That aged lonely folk could live longer And each man's gloomy mind comes brighter If only they'd hear from you Nothing else but the words "I love you"

But we are ignorant of many things And so misunderstand the words We are selfish in many ways And so the words we abuse And this sentence' authenticity questionable For we use it where it's comfortable We fail to say to those whose hearts we can make anew The words "I love you"

Parents say it not to Children The community says it not to this orphan And oh, dear government what about to your people And to the government dear masses it's so simple In acts in thoughts and in words let it be true When you say the words " I love you"

Yes the world will stay a better place With these words that can melt a rocky heart In matter of time and space We will have ill to live without Say to one you know just new or you knew Tell them the words "I love you" And you'd be amazed what reaction comes back to you

# T'emi

You are my dawn My early morning wine The sweet smell of the promising morning No other rose is pearly enough to give the stress if I must choose between you and one So, I'm glad you're the symbolic missing rib of mine You're worth the sacrifice The reason I've chosen to survive

You are my noon

The shine that beams the pleasant colour of red red to bring out its purple in blue The gold from its raw state that brittles with effortless brew Your smile wipes the tears of my heart when it's at gory And your charisma beautifies my glory Your endearment changed my status and my story

You are the beauty I see of most difficult silhouette The oasis I see in mountains and deserts The golden admirable glow of the marriage between the setting sun and the sea at evening No colours combined can match your elegance Oh dear beau You are the pride of my harvest And the spoil of my conquest My pet and my treasure So I keep meeting up to being a man

At night?

You are my soothing relief That calmness I once sort after after a busy day Your words cheer me up and give me better weapon for the next day You are my muscle and my six pack

You are truly my warmth at harmattan No cool breeze is sweeter than your presence in the heat of the dry season And how can I deny that your counsel helps me through the rainy days

On the table top Your arts breathe pleasantness into my nose And satisfies my stomach to stupor My estate glows of beauty And displays the characteristic touch of its empress, one made for it Even my bed tells a good tale of you

At all weather and season, you are with me This is to show you why in a thousand years In a thousand years and in the life to come I'll still choose you You'll still be what only you can be Ife t'emi My own love

## That Thing Under My Pant

Would you not look for what you look for elsewhere Would it be below my waist you chose to bury your head I am the world's innocent Lolita And you are the lecher That never blinks his eyes at the passing of anything in a skirt All your hunting days you hunt for it That thing under my pant

In a world of agreement and settlement made I go with you Although goals of procreation set but your demand is here No matter how drunk you get with wine The satisfaction you sort is here And a denial of it can land you in the grave As I know you can't live without air and water I also know you won't last long without a taste of this That thing under my pant

No matter how strong his muscles no mater his artellary and weapon No matter his bravery and war skills No matter his gruesomeness and his prowess No matter his power and his fame and splendor No matter how brutal or how uncanny He goes down to his knees at the flaunting of this one thing I carry That thing under my pant

You come with force you get it in my pain And with my curse You come in kind you get it in my joy And with my blessing Nations have been built and nations have been ruined All in the control of this one thing That thing under my pant

My chests bear no glory My skin bears no valour But the life of the world's governor is tied here Tonight the world's governor can himself be changed by my command For I am the leader of the leaders I have it all in my command The power of this one thing That thing under my pant

But I wonder in the creation of the creator Is sugar sweet? Is milk and honey delicious? I have not seen in all that is named One that is compared to this thing beneath my waist Non that I can think of

They may reject certain food and certain drinks They may say no to principles and dogmas And may even fight to show hates of what they hate One man is allergic to something in his life But no one man is allergic to this One man can reject something of all that is created No one man can reject this raw ego-building food This maker put man in my palms when he gave to me this one thing that conditions him That thing under my pant

Man is humble to me His mind is busied everyday and so is his body The reason is not far-fetched He comes in splendor and displays his ego Without this what is his show-off for From his birth to his making and to his dying All he is marks what a man's life is all about The chase to satisfy and to please the carrier of That thing under my pant

Man you are in my command and I'm the head for this sake That thing under my pant Unto which for forever you'll bow Unto which for which you'll remain my slave Should this be to make you know I know what I carry And shall begin to make use of it That thing under my pant

# The Birth And The End

How could this world be meaningful In the dark alley above the turbulence of darkened field Here the cries shrieked piercing through Atoned with lullaby from a parent as dutiful And a milking breast and a caring heart as beautiful

Oh mother can't this world be wonderful How you have deceived me with your gracious principle Made me think the world is even as wonderful But the child uncertain days begin from the weaning days For those days began his battle bones

I cried I yarned for the world yonder I sought the world before this border Lacking knowledge of how it was But knowing the time before was better

The race to be a man has begun What about the struggling that is begun Would my implicit confidence in myself Be germane to the dream I pursue in itself If the flood will flow me according as aligned

Would my insignificant effort matter The war between nature and I Would it be a love No victor no vanquished Or would a winner be announced in the end

If my flamboyant lifestyle contrast with natures Austere attitude If I have a field day everyday without remorse If my wealth accumulation nip my poverty in the bud And nature's struggles to stop me amount to building castle in the air Then I would have beaten nature without it consent

But if arising at a dawn becomes my last

And a speech and a smile my swan sung And a news announces that devastates my loved ones For despite all, my stress and fight seem mundane Then nature would have won in all aspect of the competition with flying colours

But naught it's impossible Nature never wins as plausible Because man's short or elongated journey Is truly one that is never torry It continues in the yonder truly.

## The Brute And The Receptor

Help me, help me, she cries And out of the house she runs With swollen left eye And bloodshot right eye And nose and lips swollen and gushing blood It's her husband Dishing her sumptuous meal from his brutal pot And she, a willing receptor keeps taking it No, she can never have enough She has sworn to it, no matter how tough She had seen life so rough Now she fears to go back

We all query why she won't go back We say he is a brutal abuser One who should rot in hell for hitting her But tomorrow morning she crawls to him And calls him sweetheart all in her whim And we kill ourselves taking pain killer for her headache Yes, her headache

She chose her path and doesn't now want to let go Even with regrets? No, she won't let go She had seen him which was made for her a long time ago But she was too materialistic to look his way She wanted him take care of her in every way But capability eluded him for it wasn't time He had his vision and template building to get to hisprime He was becoming and needed her to come help him become But she wanted a one that had already become

Little did she know That already-made only would want her for the show She'd have no part in his claims He'd practically bought her for his use And he alone must dictate the tunes And any refusal calls for abuse She stays put still for it's what she chose She'd come too far to only lose It's not this brute but his money she loves

What use are you to an already-made He's strong and rich so you think you're made He'll care for me And give me pleasures and luxury and hospitality But broke dude ain't worth the pain, there's no care and gain You'd say again and again But it's your wants that shut your eyes from his care Yet, help him get made and see if you won't get all the care even security And pleasure and luxury and hospitality and many more you'd meet You were made for him a help-meet Discover your purpose o woman You were not created to suffer yes But there's no gain without pain Join with your man and together build each other

To what it is you want of each other Does he have a vision and a template and a plan Is he building an empire that leaves a picture on your mind of a mission That's all the money you need for a start And for both of you, there'll never be an up It'll only be higher and higher far beyond the top The universe is generous and kind Would bring that of which it is we needed Just don't shut your eyes to it Chasing what it is you want

That in the end which may bring you tears

Make not yourself a victim or one in lieu A brute has a receptor which mustn't be you Yet all made men aren't a brute Just that most men to their liabilities and opposers willdisplay attitudes of a brute

# The Food Of Death

She's dead at soul by your deadly food She'd prayed her body parts dismembered than as stood But dies daily daunted by your brood As alone she nurses her pains by no ears to cry to Her love slain and hopes and wishes dashed

Her egg-shaped eyes coloured red

As the big balls pumping off their sockets seek vengeance

Her bodies unjustly turned-on, torn and bruised like a bait to save all women But she's only she bearing the pains and shedding tears of all women Her inability to foster vengeance kills her more than your inhumanity to human with no remorse

Alas! She prays silently unconsciously at heart

As her soul bleeds like worse than the tree with a painful cut

Could the money paid equal turn fleshes and bruised face,

Organ of pleasure torn for wicked pleasure, my God, my mother, she cries in all measure

Had I taken a wrong step to love, a wrong choice when I announced 'I do' Oh! Indeed, what a treasure

Shall I get all of my heart and pour it all on God

Or is anybody listening, does anybody hear my silent tacit outcry with cold tears That I may pour it all on your shoulder and save myself quick journey to the grave by bleeding cancer

Are all human not one of a kind and shan't a trust on any be a twist from hot plate to fire

I better die in silence as I see non as good of all man and death a saving grace, console of the helpless

## The Hard Knots

See them gather and in their eyes they matter Here lives the end of help if I sort any a helper Foolish wise men with feathers like lead lazy leaders Aren't there babes with eyes of the eagles Should the tomb of my mother be too hot for her corps Where skeletons eye the spots to bury there bones

When shall the skies drop the dews on arid lands Sleep holds the guards while the babes lie awake Here comes a time when sons father the fathers And the ripest fruit the saddest as ponds become a lake Withhold the rod they cry and bow for their sons they curse Should the wise white fool that dictate my principle dictate my living My skin is my custom, my custom is my skin, take my skin and I'm diseased.

You still seat unadjourned?

The whitehead a worthy example but his lifestyle? He laughs at my white wedding after my igbankwu He asks if the double marriage makes the union any stronger He teaches me education but questions the wisdom in skinning my body And brothers show greed as benefits of their acquired knowledge He learnt to detonate bangs for to kill fear I learnt to hoard if for rainy days Let them that gather make a padluck against their own keys

Yet see them gather and in their eyes they matter

What decision shall channel right the plans of my unborn foetus

Could come from expired wise brains that feat a seat as watchful elders

Living dog is better than a dead lion so they let the mouth bite the fingers that feed it

And so let no shout be heard let no curses ply the air

For we live as we watched them that went before us set us on a course we must follow

Let now tomorrow generation tell what they heard

And let the ones after them hear what is told

To copy and to reform and to be worst has a route it must end

## The Joys Of A Stoney Heart

Oh how I love to watch it happen When the bites of thier enemies get them fallen And great blood like the river adourns the bed From bodies in thier struggles against uninvited death Down the roads, the rivers, then the sea

It is a battle of first to finish up its pray The fires, the matchets and the garrisons As the prays scream and wail in pains and suffering Human flesh like mere meat roasted, dotted and butchered And to my joy, they unceremonially bid the earth farewell

Others after the boomings of the bomb to my satisfaction Pick their bones and gather their intestines Others run knowing not they were already dead And written on their cold faces is the fear of what tomorrow holds A cry for help a melodious song from these victims

How foolish they were running from the visitation of death Early to die early to rise and the earlier the judgement Perharps my passion gives them as unto me my hope a free pass to paradise The killer did you a favour though it comes by cruelty Stops your continuous sin and suffering in the land I love to see you cry to death my friend A means of passing away so cheap so easy so dramatic

Blame me not maybe I act in ignourance Knowledge of seven virgins as a worthy reward a thing to cherish And a rosy gardened Eden a place that kindles an endless fantasy I chose my part for what I know not what you think I do not assume for assumption is costly The cry after it so pathetic that grief can't quench it My gains and my joys in my hope they lie Of a promise seven virgins and a reward of gardened Eden As I was dearly and passionately taught by my Rabonis I fear geared by the great ruler of the dark world

#### The Lecher

The lecher loiters here and there in search of a Lolita Looks lecherously at the tender young chap and licks his tongue Wishing he'd have a glimpse of below her waist Dreaming of her shirt being turn apart That he might rumble the balls in between her arms

Lechers are cowards and deadly lazy bones They wish to have back their eaten cakes Prefering to die digging without results Happy to announce that they dig for golds Yet having non to show for it Pouring ejaculated chemicals at the other end But never letting it reach a fruitful destination Ready with denial if they ever breed a seed

Lolita beware how and to whom you part your legs Lechers are dogs of vandalism Let lose by the great enemy angel himself They crave your flower and beauty and purpose And leave you worst than the enemy ever wished you

Drawing you close with smooth speech and slithery tongues And entice you with lustful fading fashions How eventually you'll hate yourself For perambulating within the walls of devilish architectural design You then shall wish you were not born at all For the stigma never gives way for sure And memory of it rules your life With a deep stain that never goes off any matter the cleanser Even when it is not physically visible for life you shy away For deadly enemies are never outside the walls

The lechers loiter here and there Wishing Lolita lose her path and yield not to counsel Feeling it right for her to taste the sugar of adulthood And fly the sky like a free bird

Fun is cheap and pleasing is sweet But its bitterness surpasses that of the 'onugbu' If it hadn't come through the right doors

Await your turn sweet Lolita

For a child that ties her mother's wrapper blindfolds herself Those rubies your body carries and the curves that make brains tingle Never expire and their sweetness is ever sure

Whatever you do oh precious Lolita Never have a sad tale to tell "Had I known" often follows bitter actions

#### The Masses

At the wee hours of the morning When through the scary dead silence That all I could hear was the tik-toc-tic-tok of my timewatch

I saw the words I watched my eyes hear It was heavier than I could breathe in alone And too bitter for the four tastebuds of my tongue

It flew out of my heavy heart It drew out the tears I never knew I stored I sobbed till I could cry no more

At a point I got up from my tear-soaked bed following the shouts and distractions of my alarm I rubbed off and sighed 'What concerns me? Or am I now the president? The country's matter is a stately affair Some people are paid to bear her headaches'

I should have gotten up off that bed with smiles caused by the rise of a glowy idea But the I-don't-care attitude brushed of the fruitful fate And so everyday I leave my house giving birth to no contributory effort Towards the growth of the land Yet I come home daily with tears and curses for pains of hardship

It may have been me to get it all right but here I am among the masses

#### The People Want Hell

Can't you see? No, don't you see it? That what the people want Is always negative driven Post of love lost, they look at you and jeer Post of love lust and they look at you and cheer Stereotypical in their ways Like zombies They go after life but never have it to live They want you if you have their desire to give

Don't you see it That the people like the broad and easy way But destruction is this right seeming way Temporary pleasure and assumed freedom A mirage to them who can spot a camouflage from afar This way is the way to the kingdom Harvesters cry from close to far But no they won't like to hear, whether all or some They won't see the promised broader way that brings ease to life

Don't you see it

That those who do their bids are louder Those who don't seem unheard Truth be told many answer the good doer Few follow this way of the world But bad makes the loudest noise

Know this as you should What you do may appear meaningless to a lot For the very few that get inspired by your works For them that too choose your paths of walks Never give up Always remember that the people want hell Let those who have it give them hell

# The Sting

It came looking for me This wasp that stings into you when you're hardly watching The stomach tumblinginjection that gets you ever smiling, and stung Now this mighty me is disarmed by its weakening charms My stoney heart like a bread soaked in waters The waters that get me drowned in milk and honey And leave me dreaming in the quiet pastures of pure rose and pleasant lily

Oh, you, I have come to know Are a world so controversial yet so promising I love love This thing that can turn a demon to saint And make the powers of money without value But for what are of high values And make you run the risk of trusting Even criminals with more than a thousand count charges

Oh the sting of love This reason life is still alive Is what holds me with you

## The Wonders On His Mind

He wonders what tomorrow holds of this beautiful today This time that the heart he holds in his hands trickle the heats of pleasure And promises of never melting rose The scented rise that the reap of it never makes you mind its thorns Will it be a story of conjoined hearts or Will it be a tale of a love that never was

When at the stream you and he play hide and seek And when on the hills you and he look down the beauties of sceneries and can swear you see the future so beautiful as if you feel a touch When in the woods you run around Dreaming of the children that will run around too with you When he alone would look into tomorrow Will it be a story of conjoined hearts or Will it be a tale of a love that never was

And at the dawning of the day you hussle up to catch the financial train Make suggestions and create ideas and make plans Of a time when you'll both be the captain of your one train And bear a dynasty, a vast conglomerate And names you coined and joined to form your empire And he looks you in the eyes and fears if he sees what he doubts And wonders if as you have both made promises Will it be a story of conjoined hearts or Will it be a tale of a love that never was

When you look into his heart Do you see the doubt he bears That doubt you once nursed is it still lay there in your eye Would he ask you so you'd lie Oh, reassure him ease his mind Tell him it will be a story of conjoined hearts And not of a love that never was

# This Goddess' Plight

While they played she like a nun in her mother's den learned with difficulty To make a home and to keep it learned under crude tutoring From the cradle to the ladle she's known to bear The pains that befriend her, a world abhorred but believed her destiny And at the dawning of maturity responsibilities by her door knocking

There upon in pains more than streams of tears can hide she pours it The monthly flows that stain making her unchaste After which he grabs her a gift from parents with pretense of payment Her hymen devoured in series of unpleasing pains Nine months of hard labours with hours of seething sharp pains from strains When the products of your pleasures make arriving

And then in the duty of motherhood the baby made man And wife here wife there yet with screaming command and battered body she pushes on Accusations of idleness and liabilism a mark on her forehead

Yet a worthy mother diligent in dealing she so remains

Tell me what 'mount of cowries is worth the price What 'mount of bounties command such loyalty and respect Yet ingrates make her slave in the entity she's built Family denied and parents she let go For that you might build a success a supposed ego

I say, woe betide you who sees her as useless Despite pains and hardship, diligence and loyalty living as her fortress Divorce, even battering, emotional injuries inflicted by licking mouths end up her lot, her constant wages Oh heartless brute who dares stifle you goddess by any means

Death by hanging truly should bring the end of his days.

#### This Green Green Green

This green green green Shines from a world of wonders Where no duo exists of one And no beauty equates the other She alone the best in time

The world of every possibility from the eyes you wore me And your ideas I put in my mind that my bank be full

This green green green comes to all man but defer in their makes Mine has come and I'll grab with both hands As treasure pours of the making and honey from richful breasts

This green green green

Have you seen me among thorns and thistles and made rose out of me Have you out of lonesome street brought me to that of golds and fluorescent

This green green green that comes in time as this is the jewel in rains and the pearl in sunny The pride cola that is my glamour and my valour Oh, the respect on my crown And my laughter in gloomy days

This green green green Has the wheel to reel forth my heirs And the tutorial for their reigning The nursing to their kingdom Oh, the manager of my palace and the bank of my wealth

Green green green My wonder you are For the amazement I feel of you baffles my knowledge

And green green green Your layers of greenery go beyond one count For my youth For my adult For my aging Your use never shall fade
## **This New Flower**

Is a tear wiper

The handkerchief needed in distress to give beauty for ashe and comfort from dicey

And used in joys to suit the excitement

When wet and when dry

Your company is ever worthy

The wings needed by the butterfly to fly

And the daisy that births the scent

Oh the attraction that makes the man man

Is the believing in womanhood

When all hope was lost and trusts betrayed

The payment for tears shed sacrifices made and unappreciated duties performed Oh, what a bus-stop for all the runs and likeness rekindled

Is the family soon to be built and the home of honey and milk to be raised Is the name behind the man's name and the manager of his wealth His security at work and his longing for home Oh, what epitome of beauty

Is the family's desire

The rain that falls in due time and oasis in the plateau Coming at the right time and blossoming in season and out of season Bringing peace and breeding togetherness out and within

Is the rest from heartbreaks and the reason for morning smile that keeps the day elated

A thought and a motivation you are oh flower

Call me your butterfly and I'll remain your source of fertility and your name abroad and the endless flowing sea

This new flower is you that said yes to the heart melting question If the house be built in my name, the home is in yours for you have the key to my heart

This new flower is this new lover I've found This new flower is you

### This Terrain

Should by bumpy and humpy and slippery A gallopy tiring journey of a haven uncanny The way down there Should by force the vail be torn and the altar intruded

Should be of thorns and thistles Pines and pikes and chissels and pinches Of tear and wear and shear and bruises

Should be of bricks and mortars And bitumines and furnace and flames Should be of fire and brimstone Thunders and storms and whirlwind and disaster

Had I gone in force or in foolishness and greed and lust But no Of genuine combination of love birthing lust and holding along infatuation A journey of eyelessness I came

And with open arms the goddess let me in Into the palace of gold and silver And the holiest of holies soon shall lay before me

And a sacrifice conducting god and priest I shall be

Swimming through the gates of paradise

In between the highly esteemed pillars guiding the sacristy

And the ejaculated milky substance that greases the hallway shall be my slippery escort

And I shall bounce in and out the jungle with the goddess herself screaming in pleasure

And my landlord shall be the crowned king that the goddess shall hold in admiration and thanking heavens it came at the right time

Then the home is a place of milk and honey With life as soft and as silky as a gentle river And the chest of this goddess my love abode

She is a damsel

A diamond birthed of the rainbow snake Rare for real and scarce in fairytale The crown of a lifetime and the glory that beats her competitors If this jewel be sold in a market What money can lay grab of her A daisy beside one amongst many oases

Inamorata my You are a goddess in her completeness You are completeness in her majesty You are the terrain that only the one you desired can pass through

# This Woman My Pride

All night long The dreams of you and I swimming the rivers of roses keep me delighted And all day long The thought of you just leaves me in haven of bliss and satisfaction And where lovers build their endless creek In home of blissful romance I ask Would there ever be a point of enough is enough

But how can I ever get enough Of this love that gets my head spinning and my head reasoning right Of this chemistry that gives me a mystery ride Leaving my beautiful mind with wonders of pleasant imaginations

Here I see me loving all your curves and edges What could be sweet poison had it not been freely given Oh these perfect imperfections that suit my satisfactions and quench my desires Oh the peace that wars within me to never let you go You are my dawning dearest pearl

You gave me your all and let me make the choice I give my all to you but you wish me to be in the care of it What selfless sacrifice it is your life a gift Ore mi, what are friends for you'd ask If you can't sacrifice like no other ever would

And you said you'd be my crown and follow behind even when I loose or when I'm winning And here is the reason for my success

Your my inspiration and my distraction My teacher and my learner My mentor and mentee The home I desire to build, oh it's worthy manager And that reason I always want to smile and smile to myself and they wonder if I'm okay

I trust your loyalty And I can vouch for your faithfulness Your ways are thought calming and your look so reassuring If love ever existed I've learnt it with you Vivian, Orjiugo, Adanne, Amina, Ruth, Zuwaira, Esther The name of every world building woman resides on your crown of many intelligence and experience If to love you to live is all I have to do I've sworn that on this I stand

# Through The Debris

I am a mortal

Held bound by the weaknesses that control the soul Loathing the choices that control my deals And loathed by the deals of with I stay no longer at ease See it is my weakness and you must love me

#### I am a liar

Deceit I wear over me as my skin's hair When I tell the truth it is a lie I'd told myself over time And I don't care the cost of my words on the bearer if they be a slime You see this some more my weakness still you must love me

I am a flirt

I go after all not minding if they live in slum or dirt Your presence with me the heart to go some more But will you leave me to perish the more When you know that path I tour digs my grave And my passion and whim they wish to enslave You mightn't wish to share me but it's my weakness and you must love me

I am irresponsible With my styles and thoughts a stupid principle Have I taken you seriously before, have I for once cared Even when hunger massages in your stomach and makes your skin hide And other factors even men maltreat you before me I snub And your tears flow from endless sub Take a sigh and hiss now as you get used to me as is my weakness and you must love me

I am a murderer

The type that snuffs souls out of life of the calmed or wonderer

The filth that stings the death

The stench that stinks like the demon's breath

The pinch that feels like the stings of the scorpion

Ha ha, the brutal destroyer that hits with random selection

I care not whose the next victim a weakness you've seen it my weakness and you must love me

Love me unconditionally

My weakness kills my strength totally Can love find a way amidst these debris My hope lies in the package it brings It turns a dark heart bright Oh what same way it makes the heavy heart light Softens a hard heart and heals every wound But the journey of love begins in this ground That ground surnamed forgiveness And by it you sure have seen my weakness You must love me

#### Udo Di Na Mba

Kedu ebe o gbabara? Kedu ebe anyi nokwanu na acho ya? O di anya? Ka ono nso? Leenu gburugburu gi, lee n'elu lee n'ala Welie ute elu, buligodi ite ahu elu Udo anyi na-acho obu nke a di na mba?

Nwoke e bulie mma Nwanyi achiri oso Umuaka ana enyoba anya n'echi Anya mmiri ana awu bara bara bara Kedu otu echi anyi ga-adi? Ana eji ogu achota udo?

Nwanne n'egbu nwanne Nke ojii na achu nke ocha Ndi okpoisiala na ndi onyenwe ha nwuru n'obe Uzun ogbunigwe na uda mgbo egbe Obara abughizi ihe nso Ana eji agha akpata udo? Ana eji esemokwu eri ji di oku

Anyi na acho udo mana udo di ebe a di anya Udo di na mba Mba nke na adighi n'obodo anyi Mba nke na adighi na ezi n'ulo a Mba nke na adighi n'ime obi onye

Ikpolata udo ulo abughi ihe amara-amaghi Nwanyi onye choro ka o ga emepe anya luru Ma dika umunwanyi, ma ejimaghi ya O wooro gi onye akwuna, churu okoro puo ama K'anyi mara amara mee ya K'anyi kpolata udo a di na mba ulo

O bu okwu diiri mu na gi

#### ?to Obi M N'obodo Oyibo

Leenu m Leenu ka m n? na-agba mgbaghari A na m ach? onye ? ga ad? mkpa ka osi gbaa m ghar? Onye ga-akp?du m obodo oyibo Obodo ebe ihunaanya m n? Ebe akw?kw? na ?r? bekee duuru ya gawa Mee ya ya-echefuo na anyi kwesiri nkwadobe ngbamakw?kw? di na nwunye anyi Tupu ya ejewe njem a

?to obi m, ? hap?r? m
? hap?r? m mee tirav?l?
? jewazie njem obodo oyibo
Ugbua m?na onye ga-ebi?
Onye ka m?na ya ga-an??
?to obi m, chai!
Onye ka ?s? m l?wazienu

Ihe ndì m na-echete banyere gi anaghi ekwe m h? ?z? Ha na-agba m anya mmiri Egwuregwu ?nwa nd? ah? m? na gi na-egwukar? ?ch? nd? any? ch?r?, Onye na-ach? ibe ya, na oorooro nd? any? gbara ?da olu gi mgbe nd? ah? ? b??r? m ab? ?to Chai, ezigbo ?laedo m, Ony ka ? ch?r? ka ? bia hichaa m anya mmiri a Site tupu ? p?? njem obodo oyibo ruo ugbua, Obi m ah?beghi onye d? ka g?

Udi mmad? g? ad?gh? udi ab?? Kpakpand? di ka gi Udu mmiri ?ma d? na etiti ala ?kp? Nwaanyi e ji e je mba Nne gi na nna gi z?r? gi ?f?ma ? w? nwaany? d? oke ?n? An? kp?r? nk? n'eju ?n? O nwere ?malicha ?z? m ga-asi n'oyiri g?? Udi nwaanyi na-enye nwoke obi ume-iru-ala Ya mere, udi gi b? udi na ?wa a ma ?wa n'abia abia ? ga-ab?r? m onye masiri obi m Biko ezigbo ?laedo m, nwaada ?ma m, Ahap?la m

An?kwa m na-ach? onye ga-akp?ta m obodo oyibo Ka m n?godi na-elegide gi anya Ka ? hap? ihap? m ebea Ch?r? onye ?cha lawa

Biko esokwala onye ?cha ala Chetekwa na Igbo w? nd? ? w?n? nwaaf?, nwaada Igbo Ka any? jidesie onwe any? aka Ma-onweghi maka ihe ?z? K'?b?r? maka ihunaanya d? n'etiti m? na g? Ka anyi m?ta ?m? ah? ha ga-acha m?r? m?r? di ka mman? a kw?r? aka s?? Biko Chidi Okolo m Ya b?r? ?gb? elu n'efere n'onwe ya Zitere m ka m ch?r? g? bia Ka obi ruo m ala Ka ite ihunaanya any? Na at? ka mman? an? dika o si d? na mb? Ah?r? m g? n'anya, ihunaanya m

## ?wa?ma

?wa m, ?wa m e, ?wa?ma my Praise
Yes, the prayer in my heart, the smile on my face and the praise on my lips
Once upon a time one was it all
But like the dawn after a cold night you arrived
And here you are found
Like the mountaineers find the oasis
The aloe vera in the desert
?wa m, ?wa?ma m

The journey is easier with a smart understanding heart holding your hand Side by side along this path A blessed day it was the day you came this part Yes, the part veering us both where we want And alikes meet likes and love is built

?wa m, ?wa?ma m
You are the bravery I'd wanted all the while
We'd had us but didn't know we did
You are the womanhood I'd desired
I'd had it but had had a slippery gel along
And you had had time to make your choice
And today we'd chosen
Brilliant choices, steps our kids would like to trail

?wa?ma m ?wa mA gift for tehilla, a reason for the praisesThe peace of mind that came in the right timeIf anything would take you from me let it take me alongAnd our days full of joy and fulfilmentIn harmony we shall tangoAs we have started and continuing from then when we shall say I do

#### Valour Of Value

Through the hedges and rough edges Through the thorns and the pines This rose that should be gotten And held high and in all esteem

He is the petals of the beautiful flower No! He's the flower that blossoms in desert bringing the oasis to life Yes, the Aloe Vera in this drought Healing every ills And more

One who shuts the mouths of the ill-willed men And hold the hands of the feeble to cross the difficult roads And put food in the mouth of the hungry I see him shine brighter than the stars And his voice louder than that of a thousand waterfalls Yet calm and suiting Like the balms of Gilead

The God that gave you Gave mankind a gift One no one can dispense And your birth was the arrival The breathing of a sigh of relief Nna, let the piper sound the horn Let the royalties bring the robe and the crown We celebrate a gem that you are

I join as many who see value in valour To hype all whom it's due All whom you are far above We, I sing Happy birthday to you, Jesus the Christ

## Victims Of No Just Means

It's darkness Here and there each way I look I see its mess Flowing red darkness Burst open in force that cut short the struggles of ones once beloved With love at heart and happiness as pursuit that came abruptly to an end And their crime? That they were alive at this time And live in a land they termed secure and called home And the land had to be appeased Its eyes blinded by the red darkness that's not pleased Blood of the innocent Leaving my eyes swollen heavy full of teary testament Mothers in place of their children laid their lives She won't live to bury her nine months pains and the succour from her breasts Fathers in bid to defend their egos died fighting With their throats slithed in front of their children like any is a weakling But children too didn't live to celebrate their fathers Who died like heroes They too gut their stomachs thrusted in And their intestine gushed out And those that could run ran

Gathering their own intestines in a bowl

Where is the love and peace our altars preach and our moon and star represents We hear it all yet choose that lifeless cold stones are softer than our hearts That the sight of blood holds no eerie effect And the pains of another draw no compassionate thought Some of us say it's all for a reward For a reward they got their conscience seared

A reward?

When all is no more who shall cheer your reward What greater reward is there than the joy peace and oneness gives To the one lack of greed brings Or the one leadership with the masses at heart seals

I'm not like you so I weep With them that mourn for theirs who are in forceful painful sleep With them who got stabbed at the back by people who wear same skin as them Who went to sleep with two eyes shut With the hope that the ones whose hands they entrusted their safety and security are capable Or even loved them But no, so their dying came in three folds Shock, pain and death itself so I weep

I weep for the one who was caused forced labour yet butchered down while in delivery and her fetus chopped in pieces like carrots in vegetable salads I weep for them left now better dead than living with broken limbs and sliced off legs and hands I weep for children turned orphans or nursing parents left childless

I weep

Weep more for that their deaths rather caused jubilation than remorse Weep more for that the reason for their death is nothing compared to their loss Weep more for the country Which faces extinction and seemingly no more deserving patriotism For only a set now claims it is theirs at anytime A reason they kill and maim

Sorry to you dear gone souls You are victims Of no just means And demonic estates Please rest on

### Watch Before You Leap

Hope the man has grown to know the truth Hope the truth has grown to clarity and factual worth Needs and wants differ in meaning And the truth stands upon the desire of the need

Have mine eyes beheld my desire Or have they seen orange and chaff Am I sure of his offer and of his words Or is he a hit and run driver with the latest car on a smooth road

Should I trust her love for me and act alike Or satisfy this immediate want and still spray my net for another fish Would he truly take me as I take him And trust my desires, my person and my belief Or would he crush my tender budding heart and tomorrow has flown abroad

Watch before you leap A nursery rhyme that teaches no haste in life And no quick journey to this trip That has blessing as profit divine Upon the gold fetched for its pleasant wine

## What Good Serveth Ye O Woman

O woman, of what use art thou That thine need supersedeth the want for water That thine man satisfieth not Unless he thou ye be holden Thou art a pathway to his heart The shrub to his healing

O ye man does thou seeth The gift the universe bestowed unto ye One that non can her place occupy And her household no one may fit in

Wanting you a loins satisfaction? No matter how much thou rubbest it Thou gettest nothing close to the pull of fresh wine underneath her laps No matter the money payest thou unto the woman by the window The heat and pleasure from her loins Equates not of thine woman Needest thou more treasure The rubies on her chest bids thee come thither

Needing thou a mother? The head rubbing of a strange woman Has no equal where standeth the warm arm and strong laps of a diligent mother at home

Art thou needest a counselor? She, the one of thine bosom The virtuous woman who can find? Her wisdom surpasses the knowledge in a thousand book Her principles are fruit yielding Not like the concubine Away from God's blessings for ye his son

Thine panth for discipline The true maiden is with many ways in her fingers The trick for the builder and the outline for the structure She has begotten it all Oh beauty from her That which maketh thine world a haven By her means The thinker would think like her if the world was plainet so God was a woman

Oh like a pillar she standeth before her man Of his value she leadeth him to find And his path she cleareth for him If ye have one Thou hath been bestowed a blessing Oh what good serveth ye o woman

## What My Son Didn't Know

Dad, "What is woman", he said. "Son, " I said. "I'll tell you what you need to know, like one or two And when I'm through You'll tell what woman is." I said.

"You see, she grew under check Taught to be what she is All something good they want to of her make Wife material she must be, not in half ways A lot on her neck, Yet weight of her own body and the monthly pains Teenager becomes a woman And it doesn't stop there A home awaits her somewhere

And she bears his diamond, a golden treasure Truly she is But it's mixed with pain and pleasure And the internal palace coronates a prince Yet the ornament that houses the palace Takes many a home chore Food must be served, otherwise she being a wife they're not sure The typical king is too holy to assist She owes him the duty of keeping his home-front Who on earth is she to make him doff What should cause anguish she does with happy face Washing and cleaning things so tough From after dishing breakfast and goes in for dinner Yet the palace is getting bigger and heavier

Now the Prince is here That gives her two babies to nurture And more may be here soon And it'll always be those, plus one And she must take care too of her own body One that hardly balances For the constantly changing hormones Plus mood swings that come like twelve O'clock And the chores are still there, her never ending luck

And where she must help the king play his roles She gets her name on payrolls And so answerable to unbearable bosses Who demand that deadlines be met And clients be fed to their nourishment Even when their words and actions are poisonous After which she goes back to the overt palace Another deadlines must be met

And the king's mother Must put her in a tight corner Make her be what condition did to crayfish Otherwise she's not a good for any wish And neighbors and religious obligations All are engines that need fuels And she's the attendant too

Now son, I'm not done but I'm through." I said "So tell me, " It's my turn to say what you had earlier said. "What is woman, " I said. And I heard my son reply, "Woman is strong." And I said, "Yes, Another way to say woman is to say strong".

## What Really Do I Need

When I paint my face out of natural With powdery sands coloured out of the primary colours When I scrape my eyebrows with the aim of reconstruction Having my lashes stand tirelessly like the wings of a fan And wide fleshy pointed lips painted off this world Leaving my face looking like a faded rainbow What really do I need

When my collarbones lie bare And my sumptuous saggy breasts lie nude With their tired nipples pointing fingers Having the mixed colours of fanta and coke shown to all What do I really need

When I no longer wear shirts That cover the bare skin of my valleys No trousers and pants that hide the gutters behind Nor skirts that cover the alluring legs from prying eyes Then I hold each when I wish to take a bend To keep them from exposing the holiest of all if it still be holy What really do I need

Would it lead in marriage But which suitor is ready to look twice Hardly have I seen one Who would welcome home a woman that sold off all her rubies I am now going to be careful when I dress Fashion and sex never tie a man down sensuality never wins him They mock you and scorn and condemn You remain valueless in their sights and minds If not them responsible men What do I really need

## When Love Fades

When love fades The emblem of love becomes to you a mere object The things that you once admired Become to you like facades of labyrinth A plausible illusion made by the fictions created by the visions of your emotion A camouflage That only seemed to you like the shadows of the real thing When love fades

You begin to wonder how wonderful your object was Compared to them all that were Both yours, if any was And those of them around you, you wonder If this thing that now looks like dog's puke Once crossed the boundary to that room reserved For just the most precious person in your life And you hate the more that you valued them the most As to make them a priority When love fades

The things that once made you laugh Would seem now like the Four A.M alarm That woke you to get ready for work on Monday morning And the memories of the places you've been And the things you did together Would turn your stomach Until you spit your mouth dry And the pictures you took? You'd wonder if you visited the cemetery And gave free hugs to zombies When love fades

You won't even remember the efforts you put in And the times that went by Because if you weighed them They'd be precious efforts squandered in futility So you won't mind Because when you gave everything you gave And sacrificed your sweat along It seemed you weren't even getting the rubies in the first place Because you felt the rag was worth the sacrifice So you won't drop a tear When love fades

The things you cared about your objects And the unexpected actions and inactions that got you bothered Don't matter any more And you stop complaining The things that made jealousy swell in your heart had flown So to hell with whatever, you say The pains you wouldn't want them go through The heartache you won't watch them suffer Your most sodied concerns no longer cause you a blink of an eye When love fades

The endearing names they called you That made your hairs stand unend And sweet you to your spines Begin to sound like irritating music from a broken record When they call your phone It looks to you like bedbug on that bed of yours That once reminded you of poverty Is knocking on your door now And when they as much as touch you You feel like it's snails climbing your body in their slimes And you beat off And when they try to touch your heart The actions, whatever efforts they put in, Prick your body like thorns from the rose flower stem Nothing of your once upon a time hun pleases you any more When love fades Value love when it hits you It takes two to tango Love gets hungry and should be fed It has four legs for proper support And when a two is tired It may require one two to give tireless support

And when the other doesn't stand sooner

And when the other doesn't stand sooner

It weakens out

Feed love

It takes conscious effort Does it get boring at times? Yes. But like ball It won't roll if it isn't kicked Kick it Because the best of its opposite is seen more When love fades

# When You See These Flowers

When you see them Tell them enmity does not fan the coal or oil the lamp Tell them love soars on games not as the chameleon plays Tell them a faithful man is a man of patience that watches the mouse run around the corners of the four walls and rests when it's tired Tell them that self inflicted anger is the cancer that kills its host Tell them the oil that greases love is plainness and mutual understanding

#### When you see them

Tell them that tomorrow would have been lovely had their eyes not gone in search displaying insincerity

Tell them the butterfly had beaten impossibility and built a stable haven for the flower to display it's magnificence and splendour

Tell them the talks agreed upon was in the coldroom awaiting approval

Tell them a cake was baked for them

Oh-the bell would have sounded so right

When they then see you

Tell them the butterfly is still where it stood waiting for the flower that buzzed off Tell them that disconnection has not ended life

That the journey of life can be sweeter without them

That the games they played was a grave dug in wait for them

That their types never reap stability no matter how hard they try until they shed off the chameleon's shell that they glued put to their body and makes them have offensive odour that announces their presence and repels ready steady pillars

Tell them the wealth they seek is with those who do not bother to flaunt it And that a quick foot often hits the stone

And they missed the mark with just a little trial and of course, their complexion glowed the more showing who they really were - gold diggers

Tell them building together is better than being bought as a good with a worthless value

And offers no importance

And the search for it is without end and soon it becomes bread that turns stones in the mouth

Tell them tomorrow is not far and seeing them is just a finger snap Tell them they have won today and swept me off but tomorrow I'll have the brooms and the compounds And even the food and the water and the register shall be on my desk

Tell them above all that my heart yarns for them Tell them if I rendered any help and friendship it was less than my love could offer and as long as my hands could stretch Tell them I had done them no offence that heaven bears me witness and posterity will testify But they hurt me Tell them if they rather feel any guilt that my heart is trained to let go But putting me off like you put off a raging fire is not the way to wipe our tears or quench the angers

If you see them now or tomorrow

Tell them love is learnt but only prospers on a platter of agreement Please tell them this and don't lose a word

## When You See These Gnomes

When you see them gnome Tell them the world is better outside Tell them that heights are beautiful and their looks can be improved Tell them the mines they guard with their lives is nothing compared to what the owner of heaven and earth has in store for them

When you see them

Please tell them that there's a place without segregation and castigating That the import of one is the value of all

That there, the love of one is shared amongst all and there's room still for more That one is in search of another and never rests until the other is found and has taken a sup

Tell them that there's abundance that is not to be suffered for as the sufferings were taken by one for others

And that any wrong done will not be noticed as its account won't be recorded against the record that once was

Please tell them that that record got one person bruised, hands hammered with long nails that pierced through skin and thorns worn like tightened cap that tore heads

That dying in brute pains of hot bloodshed with body and hands stretched apart assured that all guilt is taken away and non remembered

Tell them that they'll be given the keys to World Bank and the moneys from the mines gotten in suffocating air and painful sweat would mean nothing

Tell them the source of the wealth they spend is one that springs from a well that never dries

Tell them they'll flourish like a cedar by the riverside and spread like wild fire and their good will be pronounced abroad while they rise like dough and glow like shining stars

Tell them the kingdom is a home of joy and bliss and won't be any good that they go from frypan to fire

Tell them the yoke is light and is no load at all compared to the weight of burdens of no camouflaged problems

When it is them that see you

Still tell them they will have command over their body and life and circumstances

and nature

Tell them they will create and recreate their worlds to suit their wishes, desires, dreams, wants and needs

When you see them

Tell them the way the truth and life is one person and the person dwells in all that open up to house him

Tell them the way the truth and life is Jesus and the love that supersedes all love is God

When you see them, tell them all and don't lose one

### Where Lies My Reason To Smile

My sky is gloom and as cold as I My day is dry and as dark as coal Loneliness, hunger and poverty try the more Longing with all diligence to get tears off mine eyes

My stream is bitter And my spring flows blood My morning dawns into mourning As my harvest pour dry chaffs Solitude and pain and disease With all might try to get tears off mine eyes

My friends bring me sorrow As my foes will me sorry state My spirit is tied to the ground And my soul desires hades Temper, tempest and the tempter Work and walk hand in hand to get tears off mine eyes

What really do I see The world has poured before me A few reasons to cry But I'm often to bounce up To take the world by storm Displaying before it A thousand reasons to smile And with this I never lose, I'm never down For frowners never win and smilers never lose As love flows within me so there are within me More than a thousand reasons to smile

#### Will You Marry Me

Let me be the one To open your mind's eyes To see the true world of love Out of the cruel meaning The painting this world had given it

Let me be the one To raise your head high Among the classes and among colleagues Bringing you pride in midst of humility

Let me be the one To give you care and bring you warmth When the night is cold and uncanny sound is heard

Let me be the one To go into your holiest of holies Pumping up and down To make the babies as much as we ought to

Let me be the one To stand side by side with you From the isle to the altar And to every sphere of life And joys of living

If I can be the one Standing there in haste When in labour you call When in joys you call Sweet sweet you sound And one simple meaning of it all that I answer Let me be the one That pulled the question you said yes to when I said Will you marry me

#### Words Say No More

I am here and there you are In gestures my hands stretched yet touch you not And loads are there to infer to you And I spoke mildly, noisily and screamed But your understanding is shallow or your ears are shut as hear me they don't For words say no more that can be heard

My strengths I measured up for works to do Pen and paper viable tools a prose of interest I make If reading aparts your passion Oh that I may reach you But time and money and strength I wasted You look, blink your eyes and spiting me you passed Like nothing relevant am I to you For words say no more that can be read

Here I come again with words And pouring it in lines and verses Making it beautiful in rhymes and pentameters That thou mayest appreciate the touch Of the flows of figurative words And my mind pour the love of your heart But this you abhorred my messages on you like water poured on stones For words say no more that can be heard

Ah! Had I not thought of this earlier? Sounds, sounds encoded in melodious tunes With harps and cymbals and jazz In vocals and instrument and devices how far they go how deep Touching spines and marrows and brains Ah! If today man must hear you and move to your command Do you want him sane or mad or temperamental Let melodious tune be the key music be your channel For in today's journeys of music words say no more than the world can hear

### Word's Words

Did you not hear it when then I spake To you that thinks birthing a child aparents you The goats birthed too and the hens hatched Who would expect morals from a chick or manners from a kid I shall demand of thee in time not long The blood of this heritage that lacks your touch you watch

And to you I still speak

Bring them to me and let me lead them to the peak Let them know that black is bad and white is good Tell them brother is a brother at front and at 'hind But you chose to teach religion over godly lifestyle and what they wish to hear over the truth The pews and the altar in bloodshed an accomplice

And to you I drew my ears when I spoke Education is power but abused one is death As you that holds the chalk plays corruption I see no future in tomorrow And you in no time eats sand in your bread The result of today's practice shall cause you tears when you're to rest I ask why you say to blame them in power

You that wears the crown didn't hear when I spake Emass the wealth that follows you to no grave Come with laws that answer to your immediate prayers These eyes that watch today shall with whip question you tomorrow What trees you planted for the fruits of their time And unmannerism and immorality excel Where upon you chase to gather unnecessary wind into empty pockets A home of red-hot coal in a haven of fiery funnance await you

Loudly and sonorously I spake and still speak To you who think ignorance excuses future pains As you lay your bed so you stay on it Poverty and frustration hands akimbo await you at the deep top Would be deaf at your cries of 'it ain't my fault' The law of posterity is plain and thus shall teach you but late you learn now That pleasures before pain could anti-clockwise go Had you learned on your own or from a channel not far Or that before every make-be lies was a sincere truth earnestly told

## Yesterday Comes To Mind

Her tears flowed and no matter how much she cried they trail their marks endlessly She whispers to her thoughts from yesterday The blood she had sold To unreasonable buyer at the cost of pains that hunt Her sanctity he beautified with the dark edge that held him a prisoner

And the hunt never ends Like a bag of shredded cassava He handles her like a rotten egg The home she should find peace The union she should have mingled to tangle and oneness be She treads like a slave as a brute he is And from fry pan to fire Her tears sting her

And upon her knees she goes Here's a saving grace she thought Here's a refuge that shreds all weight Amen, amen she wished will be all that is to be done But his mind like the sooth is black And at the sight of her he had licked his tongue A cheap pray has come to roost And the tears call back the former that had flown past He was a wolf in sheep clothing

And he in black dress and beret A man's friend shouldn't he be? But his protruded stomach is always hungry and satisfy it he must At the expense of gullible weaklings he shows his strength His cock and fire holds no water at the sight of strangers by the roadside But like a lion on his prey he pounces on her And the tears from yesterday continue their journeys

She had told her before her spirits left to let her body kiss the red soils That tears upon trust in chariots Are grieved like fuel upon fire That hope placed on the power hidden in the book of the Whitman is The engine to draw the winds from the waters And oh, yesterday comes to mind And with no man's shoulder to lean on Her tears flow with joyous testimonies
#### Yesterday's Cry

And the celebration of a time that is Is the tears that flow of a time that was When the clouds see the drought so strong And hold back the wetness that can debunk And wash off dirts that had built all long

And the child looks the gray-haired in the eyes and call by name And has no fear for age in words And throws his greetings when remembers to be sane And we celebrate a time of child's rights

And brother hooks a brother Where sisters lick each other's mouths Why still shouldn't siblings sex together What makes one differ in worths What of time yesterday was why the ostracize Of it livers today call celebrities

Ah! A brother's life is worthless to his death Where stress to get him down is chosen should along the line flows wealth Materialism isn't enough, fame holds the crown And to hold unto power Who cares if I squash with my shoes your flower

Yesterday can hug today and marry each other When technology does not throw decency in the gutter When lustful desires die for needed desires to strive And Satanism is seen in the lights of its true love

That yesterday stops the cry for fears that it will soon be forgotten And it's valour and its glories all forsaken And where the righteous is seen one in the whole of here even over seas Him will they for strangeness' sake ostracize

## You Are My Lullaby

Baby will you sleep Or will you cry all night long Will you from me dreaming keep And make me sleep all day long The tune of your restful sleep is my lullaby

A sleep a night Is a growth a day If sleep ain't hug you tonight How then shall I measure your growth at morning Seeing you grow is my lullaby

Do you want mama's breasts Or do you desire your toys Or papa's strong and mighty arms Mama will give it you what e'r you want Call it call it And it'll be for you Sleep let me sleep to live for you For your joy and your full is my lullaby

Sleep now for tomorrow comes When the walls of learning you'll pass through The world of work and achievement will call you forth And another like me you draw close And another baby's cry and sleep tune your lullaby

Oh sleep now The world waits eagerly for your manifestation in the morning And their expectations shan't be cut off Yes, you are their light and their salt But baby, dear baby You are my lullaby

#### You Are The Hope

If life promises to be so cruel With you in it the heat would be cool And the pains that may come And the headaches that may storm You are antidote that weakens them Do you not know?

If this wood be so lonely And the routs be so slippery With you in it the friction ain't weighty And these fears that often grips And the goose bumps that holds You are more than an encouragement Do you not know?

What is love without sweetness What is sweetness without love Where hate burns its flames And sadness shows its whiskers You are the love that warms my heart Do you not know?

If the moon would shine in the dewy eve And the stars show in the rainy night And the snow and the sunshine marry Whether the weather be so or or not The shower cap is you that honeys my milk Do you not know?

If love weren't expensive Could I have found you still If there was ever non to ever love Would you have existed Love is what it is because we found love And the journeys are smoother because we hold us Love and life are sweet because of the you of me And many more ease to live Because of me of you Do you not know? If there's ever a reason for speed and success If there's ever a show-off of prowess You are the hope Do you not know?

# You Forgot What You Called Me

We met From three different poles We spoke with signs and with gestures because we heard not one another yet we heard us, we understood us

And we began buying sugar and meat with salt and crayfish And tie and die Ankara and Aso-oke for oil and perfumes and began interlabours After which often we would dine and wine and play and laugh

You had your dryness-caused broken heels and I had my backsides flathead and he had his tribalmarks stretched from the both sides of his mouth to both sides of his ears like one that just escaped a fight with a lion Yet seeing all these made no difference as each of us had one common feature Our accents told of how far north, east or west we had come And after all We would dine and wine and play and laugh

You hated women but married many because rulership was in your blood, someone must be lead

I loved them women but married only one because business was in my blood And I must limit expenses and increase income and she must understand And he loved plenty women and married them many for women love to be entertained and art was in his blood

Yet one purpose brought us together

One caused by insatiable wants after which

We would dine and wine and play and laugh

You called me Nyamiri

And I called him Ofemmanu and we called you Aboki

Names that endeared us to each other

And the sarcasm of it all kept us laughing for as long as the friendship and brotherliness lasted

And we stayed without ever knowing that our self-made bows and arrows and matches and daggers and spears and shields

Could be used for something else but our mutual night hunts of games and foreign enemies

We would dine and wine and play and laugh

And interests in our friends' daughters came in

My Ofemmanu friend let my sons have his daughters

And I let theirs have mine too

But yours? I wonder what till date makes you block your heart against us having yours

And your schemes began to show in ways we didn't understand

But because Ofemmanu and I cherish oneness

With you still

We would dine and wine and play and laugh

And later, we saw those eyes of yours that had turned red

That once was not known for the scales love and the spirit of oneness put in our eyes

Yes, even from the darkness of those shades

We could see the fierceness of the burning red-hot fire

You became obsessed with not being satisfied with ruling your wives alone

And the religion you were brought you embraced with both hands

And it afforded you the skill of throat slitting

And the games we hunted were no longer enough for your ever glittering swords It is now us

And in time just because we thought someday you would realise your mistakes And we would return to the we we used to be

We adopted the long wooden spoon approach to continue with you

We would dine and wine and play and laugh

But the laughter lost its savour

And the meals and wines lost their tastes

Your Nyamiri became agitated

And Ofemmanu decides and won't mind to stab him in the back

Because he couldn't stand on the fence

And wouldn't stay with one who decides to sheath his more amorous weaponry

And time came, we couldn't do peacefully what we used to

Because you couldn't look up to meet your eyes with mine as

We would dine and wine and play and laugh

And this eleventh hour you have forgotten my name but I haven't forgotten yours

I still remember my other friend's Ofemmanu

And yours my Aboki

But because you try coming with schemes day and night

One that would help you slit my throat in the daylight

Even when you should have realized that in billion years to come no mechanism of yours can give you the conquest

You plan yet And somewhere in the midst of your busy mind and dight I ask to know what is really your intention What do you hope to achieve with this notion That has caused us our love and once cherished unity It's result is beginning to show on you and more would come You have forgotten what you called me

#### You Got Me Cold

Yes, my reasonability I've lost When trying to reason this inaccessibility When I could not phantom your unavailability Chai, chai, I'm left stranded in this 'lone Suddenly, I'm feeling all alone

I didn't know you had eaten this deep into me What was I thinking, what happened to me Am I blinded by love's charms Or is it that the charm is as nutritious as the milk of the breasts I see, this is your poison that dies me to life

First I thought I was lust after a woman Scolding myself against the sin And then I thought again And it seemed like infatuation But how long can any of those last They happen immediately and die upon distraction so fast But distraction had come a whole lot, didn't it? Yet this thing about you consumes me

I thought love is learnt I have passed her classroom exams and still facing a lot more of it Yet no failure recoded, no, no carry-overs Like learning to drive, loving you I have learnt Can I stop loving? Ha! I laugh! Like seriously can this thing between us ever come to the point of enough is enough? But the impossibility is in the inability to unlearn the learnt

And so you have captivated me A captivity I don't want to ever of it sail free So I'm stock Held bound by the loving of you that tied me to a rock And I fly freely the sky of honeymoon before its time Blown by the breeze of fantasy and prime

And now I'm held frozen alone in my world By your hibernation that's best for our world A mechanical shutdown that reboots you for a better you Leaving me wearing my hat askew None to talk with, none to gossip of the day with Because you, my most patient ear isn't here to hear of my mouth Through our usual parody of 'T'emi, how did your day go? ' Missing you is an understatement, wishing you're here hasn't got all the message in a go

When will this hibernation be over When will your attention return to me My Green Lolita, my golden lover I look forward again to share with your company all that I see

Your love is incredible, your absence is detestable Your smile, your voice, all assuring and remarkable Every moment I check to see a drop of your thought A 'Hi honey' from you I know is born of many a thought But although you don't come to voice it I know to you I'm more than just a thought

I'm left cold my dear mine The absence of you is got me frozen Alone in my world, I feel too alone My tears flow for a reason I can't all count On my mind, at home, in the street There seem to be home nowhere My love, reboot quick to come warm my heart, you hear? This freezing cold gets even colder by the thought of your absence I learnt to love you and I can't unlearn this Here I am waiting soaked in my own tears

Baby, you got me cold

# You Left

Where did you go? Here's my candle light And the glow from my lantern's light Their flickers fall on all objects But not on you, oh, Where did you go?

I hear still from far deep down my head The gossips we did The plans we had And the laughter we shared I'm running again to meet you More in my head I want with you to review And I'm knocking now your door, I want to know Where did you go?

Do you remember your song? That one you always sang? It has its amplifiers on my head now I can't get it to stop, how? Do you remember my song? That one I gave you to sing You said it was like a child's play That you'll coat it to be trendy play And we laughed it off, didn't we? Talk, please, answer me I'm still waiting to hear it The melody you've made of it But now even the day lights want to know Where did you go?

You have touched the lips of humans And left something in their hearts You will need to do it with the angels With concerts and symphonies you're to in heaven organize Have you gone there to do with them so? Or where did you go?

Should I open the heaven's door?

Is that where you are? Should I look in the ocean's shore? Or has your ship sailed afar? Did your breath vanish with the winds of the trees' air? Or are you somewhere Happily watching me and yet crying there Because no matter how much you try to stretch your hands They can't lay grip of even my shirts I'm still asking, oh, Where did you go?

You had fought a good fight I hear many attest But how the red earth will eternally have your bones for a keep When the earthlings would have had your flesh neatly cleaned Is one joy that'll leave endless dance of each my lap For I know your soul as a result in deed Is in that place of rejoicing Where souls are promised of pearly mansions since long time coming Where you're called now to manage an estate As it is for those who won and don't want to continue winning Your choice makes it too heavy for me to accept what I know So I ask with a heavy heart that causes endless tears to flow, Where did you go?

# You Put Us Apart

It was your fault When I was the word you used Then when you were to talk about our achievements And take the glories that were to be Instead of letting you be the foundation of your talk of our walk together in sun and rain Even where you bore the pangs alone

It was your fault Then when you was the only defensive word in your dictionary A sweet sounding tune used With the intent of buying self out of the communal fall Even when the tragic flaws were yours

It was your fault When a strand of hair was seen in the food And bile burst in your chest Making you go mtchew, mtchew, When all you should do was pick it away Or the meal was coated with pepper and smeared with salt And the mixture made to swim the lake of amaridion in the name of a soup One that provoked your anger And or then when materials and belongings would litter the room And toileting and all stay unkempt and you boil You really boil

It was your fault When the efforts put in Aren't yielding the required result To give the breadwinner a rub on the head and the home keeper a pat on the back and songs of praises heard And nagging and disregard aroused by impatience suggest themselves to you You harken If you had sipped just a cup of patience along a tablet of understanding and a little more tolerance Only if you had

It was your fault When the little talks provoked by unconscious controllable states of the mind turn to heated argument And temptations of running mouths, curses, insults and raised hands try passing the thoughts of them And the deed is done

It was your fault When assumptions made you daydream And you think yours spends time with another And loathing and jealousy become the cause the breeds effects that shouldn't be And untrust makes each party with a bleeding heart look the other way

It was your fault

When the seed of hatred began to sprout there in your heart Planted by stored unspoken and unforgiven sins And nurtured to maturity by the feeling of contempt haughtiness That in no time produces segregation, castigation and separation Then when the bond that held both together began to melt noticeably but unnoticed And distance gradually created that peace went into hiding

It was your fault

Whenever it was or before that alien became appeasing to you and you went seeking

It was your fault Everything that had happened so far that conditioned our hearts And made us shed tears and now each of us look the other way

It was your fault You put us apart

## Your Course Is The Cause That Curse You

I am a star yes I know A star that does not recognise his fans is that one a star? Soon, his source of light will deem

I am a celebrity yes I know A celebrity that doesn't know the import of his hosts Is that one a celebrity? Soon, his source of splendour would wear off

I am a mother yes I know A mother that doesn't know that mother is not made by just giving birth to children Is that one a mother? Her basket would soon run empty

I am a teacher yes I know A teacher that does not know to teach his learners to stand independent of him Is that one a teacher? Knowledge would soon mock him and posterity would put sand in his bread

I am a learner yes I know A learner that does not know that the acquired knowledge is one to help him paint the world he wants out of his life Is that one a learner? Soon he would beg his classmates for food And yet wonder why his reach is underdeveloped

I am a trader yes I know A trader that does not know that a bad deal today minuses a client And one unsatisfied client is five lost Is that one a trader? Poverty is your next door neighbour

I am a leader yes I know A leader that does not know to be selfless See tomorrow and sacrifice today And make his followers see what he sees And give his followers what is due them when it's right Is that one a leader? His death is imminent and never negotiable

I am an institution yes I know An institution that does not know to breed well-seasoned and properly cooked brains to reason justly and not dependent on buried baseless dogma for judgement Is that one an institution? Its walls would soon fall from their foundations

I am a government yes I know A government that does not know to meet the wailing of her citizens Even when it has the will and power But would do otherwise for selfish assertions Is that one a government? Her cup is already full and her captors would soon ambush

I am a nation yes I know A nation that does not know to see diversity of purpose Is that one a nation? Soon her unity would no longer hold

I am you yes I know

You that do not know to help another man stand when you had the opportunity You that do not know to stand for what is right even when others act otherwise You that do not know to raise your shoulders high and keep your head when others are loosing theirs Is that one you? Soon, waters of time would flush the sand off your feet and you'll become a slave in your territory And nothing would be written of you on the walls of time

I am the me I see me be Me that does what I feel is right as my choice approves in the view to please no man or spirit That when you see me and call me brother It won't be to please me But to speak the truth as of what I did In the bid that I live and you live and love and happiness flow And in the end My course won't be the cause that cursed me

## Your King My Queen

Then, when your chamber is full of men And your allies are they that ride in chariots When all you wish to behold and hold on to are they That live in trousers and boxers will I still remain your King my Queen

When at day you're distracted from the thought of me And at night attentions they give you Are the butterflies that swim in your stomach And the time we should share is divided will I still remain your King my Queen

Then when you hear words that seem to sound sweeter than I've poured Because they come from new mouths And they give you bouquets that seem to look more beautiful Than all I'd brought And give you gifts of seemingly heavy worth will I still remain your King my Queen

When they present a prospect that looks appealing And muscles that can lift the earth And you seem to be moved by sight As sentiment beclouds your reasoning will I still remain your King my Queen

And so I fear my place in your heart Wondering if I've not been able to do enough If I'd not been man enough I fear to lose you But I'm courageous in that many fish swim the river One might just not fit the mouth But it'd go down the throat and digest well

So when I find you looking out unsatisfied I brace myself in the note That I am not man enough So ask you what I ask you will I still remain your King my Queen And I too begin to look out Not that I want to But in fear that I may lose out But build to have an arm That will wipe tears and bid welcome Should you see me that no more will I still remain your King my Queen

## Your Turn Like My Turn

I have reached it at last There where my eyes had longed for for ages past Where my prayers had pointed and heart mounted This height the great sky where great eagles' soars are unlimited

I saw it coming and in tears was waiting Often my patience failed me I kept wailing I could have lost hold couldn't have stood all strong But determination not even discipline kept me going And self rekindled hope was the milk and honey I kept sucking Alas! I laugh smiling

Today is yesterday gone and tomorrow coming I have seen that waiting pays I didn't deny my maker no never could cry of his non-existence I won't affeign him the pains others brought on themselves Circumstance of which we fell victim He heeds a well channeled call in time for its time His glory is shown only to him who waits

Now I am in my turn And my prime shines on Await yours for it comes soon Don't throw in the towel For even there where it would fall It won't get any cleaner than it was But the was is on the process of cleansing Square one to zero isn't any perfect a slide If it got to me on this side Behold the tentacle is still on the spread

## You're My Lullaby

You are the song that I sing Then when my heart get excited at mere promises When all roads lead to the distance ever longed for When the sun walks away And treeshades fall And the crickets whistle And the cold breeze lay me on the bed In the midst of the deafening silence I awake to the shrieking cry of a new young You are my lullaby

When the morning dawns With chains breaking on my backs And thorns covering my heads And the bloods ghush out slowly Trickling down through my spines to my toes And even when I walk on concrete floors on my knees For all the comfort you'd ever need You're my lullaby

When others are treading on red carpets And visit beer parlors and clubs Pools and parties When the cost of luxury to me affordable Yet I chose to look the other way That the postponement may feed and clothe an extra mouth and body That a dream so desired comes awake I let go just to get in My only comfort is that You're my lullaby

No worries stay me up till morning No headache leaves my milk soured No load is ever too heavy for the owner You suckled my breasts and sat on my laps Now you crawl, soon you'll walk and run But till you can stand on your feet Your worries are my command For for love's sake more than obligation demands You are my lullaby