## **Poetry Series**

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## **Baby**

I'm sorry,
You heard the story,
From someone else,
I'm not gonna say it's a lie,
Lying is the last thing I'd do.

Don't babe me
I gave you my frail heart and you let it slip
You crushed it into pieces
And spilled all the love
You have the audacity to lie

Ain't lying to you,
It's true I cheated,
Cheated on the only man I love,
I won't blame the devil,
But it just happened.

#### Shhhh!

I gave you love And you paid with tears I hate that I loved you most I should have known that you are a ghost

Stop it,
I'm hurting too,
I'm sorry it happened,
I didn't plan for it,
Please don't leave me.

Save your breath for the birds
The trees can bare me witness
Sky can even testify
You sinned with him on my bed

I was drunk,
Intoxicated,
I wasn't my self,
He took advantage of me.

My soul is bleedingEmotional scar is still fresh Let me drown in my tears And hide my face from the pain I can't stand your smell of betrayal

It's pointless, You careless, My explanation means nothing now, Now that you have made up your mind.

Put on my shoes and feel the pinch My rose flower has been plucked All the nectar has been drained I would love to kiss you again If only you understand my pain

Just let it be, I'm packing and I'll leave, I don't like seeing you like this, Knowing fully that I caused it.

## **Black Beauty**

Loneliness brought us together in love, two heart floated away

How did this wave arise?

It's like my clean sheet alike heart has got a poetic song

The first rain on this land, only love brought

Today the wind played fluted; told of the matters of the heart

It force me to speak to the black beauty Africa

I value you as I value my life

I feel you close to me

You are my only portion; you are a bollywood star

Come hold my hand, we take a walk across the street

I feel you agitation

My mad heart is drowned by the depth of your love

My baby's mother, don't let me kill someone

Killing is wrong before God: Am jealous

Make those guys following you to stop; They are causing heart attack

Rich men are fight for your heart; same crime fight

I wish I had money, I would buy a Jumbojet we fly to the star

I believe God will bless me someday

When you moved away, I looked like a fool

You took my mind and my heart

The spring are same with memories of monuments of love story

The faith I looked for in every eye

I have got it in you

You've become my life, I have learned this

Dear you're my love

The one which can't be forgotten from the lips

You are my only friend

My black Queen, one day we have to leave, what about time

No one will accompany us, everything will stay here, left behind

Let share our time together

Dear you're my love

## **Bouncing Back**

BOUNCING BACK
On your feets
Prepare yourself for the battle
Do not wait for external force
The potential is within you
Don't let you fear discourage you

Arise and see your strength
What you are capable of
Do not focus on your failure nor achievement in the past
Keep running your race:
Neither looking to the left nor right.

Make-up your mind, do not reason with your failure Change your view.

Have peace in mind: peace will save you Overcome your inner self first 'i wish' Make a redical change: fresh ideas

Position yourself
Believe in your dreams
Have the power of hope: moving mountains
Do not be discouraged by pessimistic people;
No body can feel what you are feeling

Believe you are in place, in position and in purpose. ©Fely g

## Corruption

#### **CORRUPTION**

Who are you to deserve all the fame? Where did you come from? You are more than cancer eating my bones You kill than AIDS.

The greatest problem, you only devour on poor

You dismantle the backbone of our country
My leaders embrace you: Hug and kiss you.
While the servants are flourishing in poverty.
You have ripped us into pieces and cause a gap among us
We are left to bath in wolves' waste
Falling leftovers from the table is our portion.
The bones are scattered all over without life

Who will fight you?
Sunrise to sunset we can't find our way
Even the doctors failed to give directions
You control our security, they enjoy your favour

Am joining forces to eradicate you
You and your children must be wipe from the face of the earth
World justice will finish you completely
God almighty is our only strength and hope
Money corrupt the just heart.
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## **Darkest Hour**

#### DARKEST PHASE.

I remember the words vividly, " we will go through this together "

The words keep on ringing every time my tummy grows

Having a life inside me, a seed growing, God's blessing maturing into a foetus

Each passing day when I look brings a new beginning

Ignored phone calls and text messages have become a norm

I cry myself to sleep each day

I have tried suicide but terribly failed

At times I have even prayed for a miscarriage hoping that the most high will surely understand

I have gone hungry not once or twice

Everything I do is all in vain

You are always in my mind not knowing what has happened to you

Maybe you got arrested

Maybe your sickness worsened

Oh yes I heard that you were sick..very sick

I pray for you everyday for I do not know how I will make it

I still rely on your phrase hoping even in tough times we will still endure

But Alas! How wrong am I

This time I have been toyed, played, humiliated

You come to Siaya.. This night I notice something so different in you, you don't even enter the gate but rather send someone to call me

Everything in you was just a mess, how you spoke and everything.

I would walk distances just to borrow a phone and speak to you but all that was in vain

When I had you were coming I did what I had to, to prepare your fav meal, hoping we would talk at length and clear the air, maybe even have a good time Haha how wrong was I

How stupid was I

You took me for a fool not knowing you already married

Married? Yes all in the name of sickness

All in the name of " siuliringa kuja tuishi lela"

All in the name of being a " good Samaritan"

All in the name of friendship

The words still strike as fresh like they were " fely hajakuambia alimove on? Eeh Mimi sasa ndio bibi yake, na usipige wala kutext hii simu tena. Ati mtoto? Si aliniambia Huyo mtoto sio wake. "

All that time I can imagine you sighing, feeling relieved, smiling and feeling a

victor for yes this time umeniweza.

For the first time ever everything fades, my body goes numb, my knees become weaker.

But again I look at my tummy and pray.

Immediately I some strength I manage to convince the doctors to go home.

I arrive in the house, burn everything that has any memory of you, and with some relief I manage to explain the events to mum and dad.

Yes the very people I thought had abandoned me are the only ones I have now. Family is family... For the first time ever dad speaks in a faint voice assures me that I can always depend on him.

He proved me so wrong for ever choosing you over him.

It was very clear that no matter what family will always come first.

Dad still loved me the same, once again the strength to carry on comes back. And from here Iknew nothing will be easy... If 750 could make you deny the seed of what we were both responsible for,750 made you forget everything we ever shared or have been through then the devil is a liar.

Nothing was true
Nothing was ever real
Everything was in vain
You played your cards very well this time.
(Darkest hour)

## **Dear Wife**

DEAR WIFE Maybe I was afraid to love, but never these deep Where did you come from, My soulmate? I trust you as my soul, And call you my own I call you my world, my gift of living I call you my heart and I give you my home My lover, my baby's mother Your attitude is a killer, it steals my heart You made me proud, I'm a father Why is there a song in my heart? Love it will be, you and only you from the start When you received a call, Going to war As a soldier you had to obey the orders Our world was apart I know it's forbidden to love you and it's hard Peter, John and I can't stop missing you I thank God and pray for you everyday, to conquer the enemies, You didn't fear, not even death, you're ready to conquer How did it happen? You are No more.I wish I could stand boldly on your path and prevent you from going. Peter John, at 2 years, losing his mum. Am a widower, Your face will never be forgotten Your embrace is what I miss and those sweet kisses from your lips Oh my love it's hard Will I fight my government or Boko Haram? You were like a flowing wind, You were like a medicine for wounded hearts, Your death is tormenting me.

I don't know who I am anymore If not for our son Peter John, I would have committed suicide But I will never stop loving you, My soldier of war.

## **Drunkard**

**DRUNKARD** 

No friend, no company, no one is my close friend,
Only liquor
Even the Barman calls me' A good for nothing, all time drunkard'
The whole world has count me out
Even the closest family has turned against me

The night has come ' The wife of the devil's
I'm happy, proud of every grief
It's slavery for couple of days
The debts of my forefathers are like a york on my neck
I will repay that at any cost
And be free

Let me drink to my grave; I won't sleep without my liquor Am a habituated alcoholic
And am not stopping soon; night and day are same
Mosquitoes come we story for the night.
You are the only one who benefits from me
My freedom will come from the east.
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## **Extra Ordinary Love**

When I am with you I feel complete

My world circulates just right within us

My mind rejuvenates with your words

Every other thing becomes invisible.

A future with you is all am asking for

The present has been beyond my expectations

I don't care how many came before me

All I know is I hold you now, and forever

I could not ask God for anything else

I am just complete with you.

I will choose you over and over again

Make your little eyes much more brighter

Be your dream come true for as long as we are one

I simply fell in love when you were ready to hold me.

A day without seeing you gives me a heart ache

I wait for you until midnight hoping wishes were horses

I finally give up and tears would fill my eyes

With a disappointed face I sleep wishing you were there

Finally sleep would drown me into a world with you and I.

In the morning I will try not to wake up so that I cant witness your absence

Switch my phone off and on trying not to think about you

Finally I would stare at a picture of you for hours,

Pick my phone up and call you.

With a good mood you'll answer the phone

I get lost of words as the only thing I want is you to be here

At this point I wish you would read my mind but you won't

Once again I get disappointed and tell you I just wanted to greet you

With tears again I will hang up my phone.

You call back immediately but I stare at the phone ring

Ill pick up the third time and explain I had nothing to tell that's why

With a simple confused mind you'll answer" seriously beib"

Ill ignore and keep quiet hoping you read my mind this time..

Then you will ask " whats wrong" and ill answer 'you didn't come'

Back in mind I knew you were not supposed to come

But I still hoped you would come

Surprise me maybe.

Simple love, simple people, I love

## How Stupid Am I

U told me u love me

Where as you know that

You just like me

Oh poor me i believed in ur words

U promised me the world

Where as you know deep down that you talking about the world of fantasies

U even said that without me

You won't survive

But here you are

Ouh poor me i fall for your lies

How can i be so stupid?

I don't believe myself

I used to cry all night

I used to pray for you to change

But now i can tell

You don't deserve me

Yes i am not enough for and i will never be

I did everything just to show my love for you

But you were so blind to see

I gave you my best

My dignity

My pride

And u chose to thank me

With nothing but pains

Now i am setting you free

Its time for me to go my own way

Not bcz i want to

But bcz i have to

I am tired of being ur victim

I am tired of being in love alone

I will move on maybe not soon

But eventually

With the hope that someday

You will realize that

Someone really cared for you

And truly loved you

For now let me pick up

My broken heart pieces

And leave you with peace

So Good byee
I appreciate each and every
Lesson you taught me
Each and every way you tried just to break my heart.

## I Didn't Mean

I DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL HIM There he was lying In a pool of blood dying Begging for his life, straining Slowly, his life fading

Holding the dagger in my hand
Heart beating like a band
Is he dead or just playing dead
My love...was I that bad to kill?
His lips so kissable even in his dying state
Anger, hate, love made me do it
The stabbing was good and releasable
Blood in my hands soo tasteful
Crave for him
Was this lust....was he this good...?
Should I cry?

Gone, gone
Memories of us
How did I do it?
Gone, just like in the movies
Reality,it was
I did not mean to do it
I didn't mean to kill him!!

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### Letter

#### **LETTER**

Love letter for you myCrush

Let heart speak,

It hurts me to see you crying day and night because of her,

It tears me apart to see you begging her to love you

Let heart speak,

Why can't you see she is not a woman enough for you

Why can't you notice when something has expired like her love is no longer in you,

I dream of making you my life, while she dream of finding a perfect man while you be there until she finds her dreamer,

Let heart speak,

Why you let her blinded you by her fake love,

Why can't u see her true colours,

Dear it's kills my heart seeing you fall for her lies,

It makes me cries seeing you fooled by her fake smile,

I'm not perfect and I'm not claiming to be, but the sadness I always get when I see you cry makes me lose control of myself,

It makes me feel the anger towards her,

Please my crush see through her heart, she careless about you,

Let heart speak,

You make me hate love by letting her fool you like these,

Why are you so much in love to careless woman like her,

Why can't you notice she has changed to something else but not love

I hate seeing you cry,

I wish one day God can take away all this darkness in your eyes so that you will know what kind of a woman she is,

My heart speak silently as I stop writting

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## Love

LOVE OF NOXOLO

Am lost; Am lost emotionally

Can someone show me my way through the thicket

I can't find my way

For the first nine months mamma gave me love unselfishly

When I met her, I wanted to share what mamma taught me and gave me How stupid was I?

She did everything to win my heart& indeed I gave her the keys to my heart with a pure true heart

She changed my dreams

Oh poor me! I fall on her trap

She made my fate unknown to me

Why did I became her victim: I was happy &honoured for her proposal but

unfortunately I can't know how hot the pat is until i touch it

I was converted to Christianity because of her

She lived on lies: Everything were lies covered by lies

How was I blinded by her lies? You can't cover lies by lies forever

She didn't have a heart at all, she was uneatable

It was hurting her see me with my wife; that's why she decided to cause confusion & my wife left.

Only for her to destroy me completely

I accepted her with her burdens: cause I believed in her

Waah! It was a game without a referee

Her son became ours. I didn't care nor wanna know his father

Whereas my daughter went hungry and missed me

I didn't know in between the journey she'll kill me

I've missed seeing her: But its better than living on her lies

Arranging your issues in my house with other men

Lion will never be a cat that why she needed someone by her side

You don't have a heart at all

She was my confidence, I walked around proudly of her

Oh! Where will I hide my face to the world

Shame is what is left behind. The blessing I received

I can't repent my sins

How will I knee down and pray? Prostitution

I valued her dignity: which was nothing to her: a black ugly prostitute she was

I know how Delilah was capable to conquer Samson

She walk around proudly of herself: I leave everything on God's hands.

I hope my wife and my daughter will forgive me

My arms are always open to hug them.

## Love Is Priceless

\*LOVE IS PRICELESS\*

When I see you, I get enchanted

My heart beats fast
Insomnia creeps...

Tell me what can I do,
You will reign over my burning soul
This happy trouble at every moment increases
When I see you.

When you get upset with me my heart breaks
When i see you i'm not able to do anything...
Love, crown my tenderness
My heart pulsates and burns one by one:

I want to fix my dream to yours

I want to turn my path and join it with yours

Without you I have no reason to take another breath

You by me I don't care who leaves or comes as long as you by me

Take my heart love

Fill all my wishes soon

Don't let it languishe in loneliness

Come let me feel your priceless love

Ooh! Priceless love

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## Mother

MY LOVE LIFE

Mommy I love you

I know you did your best to take care of my heart:

You gave me special love:

For the first nine months

You gave me that love of an angel

Mommy I didn't know you were strong enough to handle these alone

I thought daddy's absentism would lead us to death

I didn't know we would climb all mountains

I humble myself before you

You are strong and powerful

Your love never disappoints

Your love made me to grow with confidence and pride

I'll never stop honouring you mommy

Am now woman but still you satisfy my heart,

With that fats of love

I'm not scared to get fat with your pure loving heart

You never let my heart to bleed

That's why am always happy

You taught me how to love, care and respect everyone

I want to share the true love you offered me

Lots of love mama(Adidas) Owegi

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## Rebel In Love

REBEL IN LOVE

Am walking in circle

I fell for your fake love

Love doesn't grow in fields nor sold in exhibition

After smoking cigarette of love: am a little bit intoxicated

You are hell in earth

What's love? Am confused

Why play games with my heart

Fake heart win women and faithful heart end up crushed

Am traveling in a lane without brakes

My heart brakes pads are warn out

I am madly in love with her

My heart is in bad state because of falling in love: love is my shadow

Why is my heart bleeding; from where did you come from

Your intentions are evil, your promise were fraudulent

As there's so much pain, living life has become even more exciting

I'll find love in the memories

I'll sacrifice my life this time

Its not easy to live alone, its difficult task indeed

I'm also going to become semi truthful from now onwards

Am not going to cry after you anymore

Am going to be a rebel in love.

## Repeated Evil

How can I face the world
What do I tell my daughter
She has locked her self in
Doesn't want to talk to me
It's my fault
All this happened under my roof
How do I face the society
What do I tell people
All this evil in my own house
A skeleton I want to lock up

But here comes my daughter
The apple of my eye
My heart beat
My soul and my treasure
My most expensive jewel
The only flower in my garden
How do I face her
What do I tell her

It's a week now
Since it all happened
I haven't laid my eyes on her
She refused to answer when i call
Hasn't come down to eat
My eye is ailing
My only rose withering
My most expensive jewel lost
My heart beat no longer beats as usual

My daughter is hurt
And I'm the reason for it all
Under my own roof
My own brother raped her
He's locked up in jail
And she locked her self in her room

I'm shattered and confused What do I do

Someone please help me
I'm hurting as much as she's hurting
Sitting next to her door
I clearly hear her sobs
They cut through my soul
Like blades tearing my flesh
I know how she feels because I was once raped and she's the product of that act.

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## Silent Thief

You left me alone and lonely
Silently you left without a word
You left me confused in the world
I didn't have a reason to survive
You took all my belongings
Everyone tried to explain, who you were
Silent thief
My life became unrealistic without him
I felt lost, without him; dried bones
I tried to recuperate what was once lost

I struggle daily to make ends meet

Was tormenting the most

So hard at night, to figure out why he couldn't at least say goodbye

I thought he had a special heart:

You were only here to bless my private part;

And play the part of my hero for the night

You stole my dignity

I allowed him to take away all my pain from my heart

Only to be emptied completely

Love is not a deal: yours is more trouble than pleasure

He didn't care

He didn't look back and noticed my pain:

His love was my song and my victory

In my victory there a lost

## Spirit Of Gor

Who will tell tales about you? The ones who know you, can't describe you Did one's bonds become one's dedication? Did the fire in Kogalo began by slaying? Ramogi are healing praising New cult, the Green commandos People yearn for you; As the dry land yearns for rain You flow in your followers veins They are known as drunkards Forever you swing in their hearts I believe the gods must be jealous Your followers numbers increase daily You calm their hearts will goals/cups and victories Your followers are willing to lose everything; Just to make you happy Losing everything is their style You always bring Joy.

## Strength

MY STRENGTH

World rejected me, only you accepted me

You reside in my heartbeat

I became like a mad person, I became made in her love.

I had to live and die together

Love come from the heart not height, awesome looking nor beauty

Never use love to achieve your goals

Have a heart

I have spent my childhood in your arms and I won't leave it

Don't tie any bonds on me

It's the custom of the luo that I belong to you

No one can keep me away from you

No one can do that

I have a habit of flying and I can do anything but I won't quit loving you

Youth comes and leaves, why does youth even come?

My love is here to stay

Babe don't go far away from me

There are seven wonder of the you are the eighth wonder

Your beauty is a killer

Great moments come and enjoy day

It won't come again tomorrow.

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## **Tears Of Blood**

I don't know the smell of freedom. How does it taste?

I hear of "Uhuru".... how does it look like?

Am confused and moving in circles.

Where is that collection of beautiful memories?

That our freedom fighters fought for!

It's better to die on the battlefield than live like a slave.

Why are we slaves in our own country?

We pay taxes and only selected individual benefit.

You preach unity in public, yet you only unite to have slice of pizza.

Five years is around the corner. We are watching you.

Let me arise, I want to fight for my freedom. The time is now.

I won't back down. I will fight until the last blood drops

Am tired of corruption. I want to be in history.

So tired of the son's of somebody. Who is your father?

I rather die like Subhas Chandra Bose or live like Nelson Mandela

I will live to fight. I won't vote until my voice is heard.

You have the formula to calculate next government. Why waste my time and energy on voting day?

One dollar won't make us suffer for the next five years.

I won't buy your fantasy manifestos.

I won't care if you are my tribe or not. I want to be realistic

" Give me Kamau or Otiende or Kipto because the war need strong

men". I won't buy it either.

Iunderstand your scheme now.

Our arms of government has failed us. Do we have judiciary? Our courts have

become fair trial. No leader obeys it's order. Corruption in court's corners.

Where can we find justice? .

Our spiritual leader where are you, ?

Church has forgotten it's mandate.

Money money! Is the summon. Not the word. Church arise!

The whole system is rotten. We need a change, not new constitution nor BBI. Am tried of the same wolves.

Till when will we be your doormat?

" Mayai Waziri wa mayai " you are!

I wonder why we have security personnel yet the rate of insecurity is

high." kitu kidogo" is the only training received from kiganjo. Innocent mama and youth are jailed yet real lawbreakers walk free on our streets.

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## **Together**

#### **TOGETHER**

The world rejected me, only you accepted me

You reside in my heartbeat

I became like a mad person, I became made in her love.

I had to live and die together

Love come from the heart not height, awesome looking nor beauty

Never use love to achieve your goals Have a heart I have spent my childhood in your arms and I won't leave it

I have spent my childhood in your arms and I won't leave it Don't tie any bonds on me

It's the custom of the luo that I belong to you

No one can keep me away from you

No one can do that

I have a habit of flying and I can do anything but I won't quit loving you

Youth comes and leaves, why does youth even come?

Viv don't go far away from me

My love is here to stay

There are seven wonder of the you are the eighth wonder Your beauty is a killer Great moments come and enjoy day It won't come again tomorrow ©Fely g

## Until Death Do As Part

Mi amor, ever since I set eyes on your charming, chubby, glittering face I knew I had found my right rib. Ready to walk with you in this journey called marriage. Your wish has always been my command. From friendship we decided to tie the knot and recite our vows in front of a congregation. From there onwards I promised us that only death will separate us and either in this or the next life you are mine love.

Our first year was awesome, everything was flowing and we were the most admired couple in town. For you I had no limits sweetheart, doing your hair, nails, massages, name them, they had become part of our daily life. Our house and life was humble but we had God, peace, love, trust and happiness above all. Months, swayed by and I noticed changes in our relationship but that didn't bother me since I fully trusted you my dear.

This day just proved my suspicions, it pierced my heart to pieces, the text streamed in and caught me speechless, I remember you admitting to cheating on me several times, however, my blind love for you made me not to realise.

But why my love? Was I mistaken to love this much? Why me? I can't take this any longer. Forgive me but if I can't have you then no one else will.

Let's go dive in our six feet graves, let the world troll me for being stupid, let people know that I kept my promise and will forever love you in this life or the next, let me be your romeo for I am ready to die not only for you but also with you only God will judge my decision.

I will forever love you mi amor.

Until we meet again in the next world soon, goodbye.

## Why Me

Mommy gave me great love

For the first nine months

That why i was happy and amazed,

She never let my heart to bleed anymore but she only offers me love.

She tought me how to care

She tought me how to love, yet she never forget to explain the meaning of the four letter word love.

I care for everybody

I respect everybody

And i love everybody

But then i chose you special

I wanted to share with you the true love mommy offers me

But clearly i offer what's right to the wrong person.

Maybe the word love had been explained to you in another way round, who knows because you are no more to be found.

My heart is bleeding

Like the river in the mountain, my blood flows non stop for you

I know i need to be strong as a man

But you had ran away with half of what mommy offers me for life time.

The love i gave you was my life

It can be written as a four letter word but to me is as big as the world but then i don't no why i chose to gave it to you.

Why you left me with no answers

Why you get away with my golden gift from my womb

Why you shouldn't communicate with me

Why exactly you decide to take my gift away from me.

My heart never bleed in this way

But who knows i have to face my own music

So please were ever you are know you owe me

Make means to come back with my living

I need you more than you can think

Please! ! Please come back with my happiness

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## Why Quit

WHY QUIT NOW

Look back: flashback

Where you started your journey

Why quit now?

You are like a shade in the burning sun

You used to fall down then get up and walk around in excitement

Why quit now?

Arise and shine

Finish your one can complete it

Make your ways again

You are used to make path yourself

What seems impossible: is always possible to you

You live every moment fully

Why quit now?

Maybe you were afraid

You gain courage; drive away your fear

You touched our hearts'

Your life is a blessing to many

You made 'struggle for achievements' looks simple

You are used to enjoy today completely, without tension for tomorrow

Why quit now?

I know it's painful to lose loved ones

Our faith must be tested

Tough times are like shadows; we walk with

Don't be discourage; face the world boldly

Swim against the tide.

All the nights of sorrows will pass away

Don't quit victory is for the people who go through worst pain and hold on

Why quit now?

From where did you come?

You are ointments of the wounded on the heart:

If you never knew

Live again to fight: Don't discourage your son

God has given you a fair advantage

You are oasis in the middle of the desert

Why quit now?

Complete your calling, your vision
Live in season and out of season
Why did you start? If you wanna quit now?
Look at your son's face and see that proud mother you are,
Best achievements of a mother
Will stand boldly in your path not to let you fail nor quit!
Remember your son and your personality
You will go through, like the flying kite.......

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