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# 30 Days Of Grace

335 days sin abound aplenty we look no further for remedy cos'tis' all we ever do sin, sin, sin is all we always do

then come the crescent of the glorious month people pray from East, West, south and north cos it's the month sins are really forgiven Satan and his cohorts become so frightened

the days are filled with worship thirst moist the throat hunger satisfy the belly at the coming of sundown the spirits liven up

30 days after it has had its fill we become stronger in the practice of faith we become meek in the exultation of his Name the all MERCIFUL and MOST GRACIOUS

#### **Aduke**

love has always been that golden fish so elusive to me that I gave up I immerse myself into books and started a romance with poetry

I felt love was for the weak, fools and those who are meek. all daughters of eve I spied on with hate. I never for once thought of a mate

until one beautiful Wednesday evening along the pathway very close to my abode where nature merged with humanity where all is always calm and clear

I saw an angel in human form calm, gentle and graceful like a cherubim a pleasant smile at the corner of her mouth lost to thoughts only known to her

her face shone like the morning sun her footsteps light like the swaying of trees residing at granny's backyard her smell leaves my nasal cavity in torture

hello pretty I Said! .
my name isn't pretty she replied!
my name is aduke!
sorry I muttered under my breath

she walked away leaving me speechless
I was tongue tied like a boy
stealing a piece of meat in the pot
when his mother suddenly walked in on him

my silent musings slowly left
I lost track of time as I thought of aduke
the ebonic damsel of my dreams
of braided hair and sumptuous lips

aduke took over my dreams she seeped into my thoughts I feel the residue of her smell in the early morning air

two weeks gone by, I saw aduke I saw my future on her face I approached and planted a kiss on her soft rubbery lips

she was stunned to her depth she stared at me for long as I enjoyed the taste of her lips that tasted like heaven mixed with honey

there and then I asked her to be mine I promised her a future filled with love a life filled with laughter never to be consumed by sorrow

she accepted to be mine instantly I became alive suddenly love became the sweetest thing as i gaze upon my beautiful aduke

few months later I stopped seeing my aduke I searched far and wide, I drew a blank her absence created a hole in me my nights became filled with nightmare

I hear she is now far away been soon I held her in my arms even though I feel her presence and the heavy honey smell

I see her face in the mirror on my wall and it keeps me company in my quiet moments everyday I still long for my aduke and her beaded backside

#### **After Life**

if only GOD will let us hear their cries of pains and regret of things left unsaid or undone while alive we would all think twice before sinning.

if only smoke could rise from their graves of those condemned to hell so we would all take heed/cue from the lives of those

if only flowers could sprout of heavenly fragrance and paradise beauty. of those your mercy lies upon then we would nail their deeds on walls to emulate every day.

of only we could hear your voice so loud and clear and holy each time we commit acts of sin. and everytime acts of Charity comes from our being.

if only we could love one another. if only I can truly call. you my brother if only I can what's yours mine if only everything can be so right.

if only if only if only .....

#### **Anike**

Another day of beautiful laughter Nestled upon an angelic face Ibycus lyrics so sweet on your lips Kneeling in humble prayer mode enamoured by his promise

she never fails to call her self ugly to spite me but she is lovely her smile leave words unsaid I stammer even in her absence

she looks like creamed coffee taken any time of the day with or without sugar she will always be my sugar

#### **Broken**

beads of sweat forms a path on his body heavy sac sways gently in his burly Rhythm legs so heavy, a reminder of spent years just one glance you know he has been broken

her skirts flutters in the windy night she is cold to the bone, but she needs to eat with painted face and mascara like that of a masquerade calling out to fast running cars., she has been broken

she glanced sideways at the empty bed long gone occupant at the other side of town in a lustful embrace with no consciousness of time once a sweet marriage, now a memory, it has been broken

he looks at the board draped in binary numbers after several years of sleepless night of reading of hunger games and street trading no result, no graduation, the Drem has been broken

40 years in corporate servitude piles of unpaid loans, swimming in ocean of debt rent dues, utility bills, no gas to cook he contemplates suicide, he has been broken

it started like a cindarella love story she felt love couldn't be so weer and true lost her virginity for the one she truly loved got pregnant, got rejected, aborted and broken

I share their pains, they smile in agony no where to run or hide - helpless I feel angered - I can't help out their pain, terms and fears leave me broken

#### **Full Beard**

I have a full beard
Finely combed and shiny
that's why when I walk,
I walk with shoulder high
When I smile or laugh
It radiates and awaken dead soul

I have a full beard it covers the skin blemishes it makes me handsome, humane and not a terrorist

my beards make me proud it brings happiness and sheds depression I'd have it over all the wealth in this world, cause Islam says so

Note, I speak bearable English sibe sibe omo yoruba nimi pelu i majored in law So you need not utter disrespect

I pray five times daily, read the quran Every good reward I earn is mine I follow the hadith and sunnah And no, that's not a crime!

You all gossip as I walk by You hate my beard because you don't understand at all But peace and power I have found As I am equal to any male!

I am a Muslim
So please don't pity me
For God has guided me to truth
And now I'm finally free!

{final verse courtesy of an source}

# Giving Up

all you did see was my laughter smiles and friendly banter never for once you really thought that deep inside I could be hurt

I tried to live my life the best way
I could, just to make you smile every day
and you never saw the pains and tears
that i hid deep inside all these years

but today I am giving it all up bringing flowing tears and blood to stop never to feel again the chest rise to the beat of life which is a ruse

## Good Bye

I hate to wake you up and say goodbye
I am leaving without your warm embrace
I wanted to stay, but it will bring you pain

So many beautiful laughter we shared And joyful tears we mopped together It just was never meant to be

So sad to be leaving all of these behind Tried all my best, but it didn't work out This love was never meant to last

So many beautiful memories you gave me. Our dreams like dust reappear in my eyes No matter how hard I brushed them away.

So many promises we made to each other We were scared, so it took us away in our fright□ And further it drew us apart.

Oh! I am leaving with pain in my heart And the warm tears you cried last night I hope to be back only if GOD thinks it right.

#### I Will Be Back

as the sun shuts it's eye to the world so the moon could start it's nightly watch and the winged fellows make a homely bow I promise I shall be back

I ponder a lot about he who is my LORD despite all my fault he still gave me much from my youth days even till now I am sustained and will never lack

even when pains and hardships made me cry and foes and friends were all alike my fears synchronised with the beat of my heart I just knew I had to go

I left to give a new beginning a try to heal the soul, body and mind alike to make the head rest at night just don't worry, I needed to go

never wait the night up for me it's my cross i have to bear if it takes a lifetime to do believe me or not I will be back

## Its A Crazy World At Arsenal

if we are all crazy then who is the craziest?????hmm! So crazy! Yeah so crazy! i Am crazy because i support arsenal, arsenal fc is crazy because its has not won the league for 12years, we haven't won for so long because our coach is crazily crazy, the board wont sack him because they financially crazy and want profit, alisher is crazy for not buying more shares because he crazily loves this FOOTBALL CLUB.. Arsenal plays a kind of crazy football second to none, barcelona fans you need crazy lectures. barcelona style is crazily boring. its crazily one sided and thats not football. arsenal crazily allows their opponent to appreciate football. heartbreaking as arsene's crazy philosophy might be, his football brings joy... though everything needs crazy luck because thats what arsene crazily needs. sometimes when arsenal draws or lose i ask myself what went wrong? Player choice and commitments are generally poor... arteta is too old let him go, even suarez and neymar has gone crazy, walcott is crazy for running all the time and telling the press we have to improve, bfg is more crazier for been too slow wenger is crazy by supporting giroud always maybe they share his wages i don't know, jack and rosicky are both crazy for getting injured all the time, ramsey is crazing for complaining about his deployed position, alexis is crazy for trying to do a ronalmessneymar, gabriel is damn crazy! I need a gun for him, for allowing the rashford to out-jump him, he needs to fastrack his English cech is so crazy for getting injured when we need him coquelin is crazy for that for card against spurs we are a mighty crazy team for getting a point from the game

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and i am still the most craziest for being a gooner

## Journey

I am on a journey in search of my dreams Whether clothed or naked, my embrace it wont escape Even though dirty and weary I become

I am running away so fast from my pasts Its trying to draw me back with all its might Even though I owe it no regrets

The future looks so so far away
Its eagerly calling out to me and awaiting my arrival
The present has entrapped me in its thorny embrace

I want to hold on so fast to my dreams My past deeds I do not regret I need a nudge to awake from this slumber

Dream it is I will dream,
I hope it is not blurred by the coming of the morning
As I stand to start this voyage of discovery

## Love

I am lost in your thoughts

I find my self on your body

i die on your skin

I resurrect in your words

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# Murderous Rampage

Don't be scared! But i really want to murder!

To murder the bad things in my life..

looking back at 2015..

there were things i did in 15'

that i vowed not to do in 16' and i thank god it happened..

2016 i plan to murder a lot of things...

where there was hatred, love will replace..

where there was bitterness, happiness will replace...

where there was anger, calmness will reign..

i plan to have 1000 friends this year..really!

And it wont be on facebook or twitter or instagram...

those people who offend me will be pardoned..

especially those on death row! ha ha!

Even those i offended, am extending a hand of friendship

so you will forgive me my iniquities..

even if you see any bad thing about me don't hesitate to tell me, because its a new meeeeeee

# My Arsenal

if you need new legs I could donate mine if you need hearts of valour mine is available if you want to win again, please spend the money Arsene please bring my arsenal back!

## My Stranger

oh! beautiful stranger even with your rainy smile, you sparkle as you walk stealthily, you seem to float like beautiful clouds in the sky

oh! angelic stranger since the day I glimpsed your face it never for once left my stubborn mind it keeps me awake through the night

oh! pretty stranger please can I get a moment with you I want to tell you about my dreams and fears or should I just stand and gaze at your grace?

oh! my lovely stranger cam I just walk beside your majesty holding your hands, keeping them warm from this biting cold? or should we just walk and laugh like old friends

oh! my exquisite stranger why don't you just look at me for once or is it not the right place and time? or because the west wind. brought me to you?

oh! my majestic stranger
today has never been wrong or right
just the exact moment I wish for
solely in your arms I want to belong
oh! my sweet stranger
your beauty froze me in icylic limbo
the feel of your skin melts my holistic resolve
nothing left in me but yearning of your love

oh! hearty stranger
my heart heard every word you wouldn't utter
as I stood with the tooth picker dangling
lost in daydreams only me could conjure
wishing you would go home with me and be my love

oh! hideous stranger
I am tired of calling you that
I need a name to that face
I need a moment with you
to save me from this longing mood

#### Ode To The Green Bottle

it was dearest to me in time past
it was my Companion in times of distress and anquish
even in times of joy and celebrations it was always dear
it was my best friend
the green bottle makes men speak the truth when they kiss
the green bottle so smooth and enticing when chilled
it quenches the thirst after a hard days work, it intoxicated more than human
love
it unites more than anything

it unites more than anything
the green bottle is a hero
but alas! suddenly you left my life
your departure gave me more vision and focus
I wish I could miss you with all you ever did in the past
the thought of you nowadays brings up the bile from the depth of my stomach
the smell of you bring lollipop
the memories of you are far from fondness
good luck to you and your new found friends,

# Ololufemi (my Beloved)

b'eránko bà p'égbá nigbò, kiniun lolori wøn b'eiye p'øgøfa l'ødan a?a l'øga gbogbo wøn b'øba p'egberun laiye, ønirisha ni baba wøn b'obinrin ti pøto laiye, iwø motunrayo ni mø yan layo

ife re n'pa mi bi øti oyi ife re n'kømi o mu mi lotutu gbogbo ara mi ngbøn bi eni w'edo b'oba føwø re kanmi, arami aya gaga

ololufe mi apønbeepore o'nfa øfun ni kij'eran pe lenu, ohun mi k'in wa e m'øya, irinajo niøje ni?eju i?eju løkan mi fa si e

ololufemi abefe, ibadi aran awelewa ewa re tan bi mønamana otan kaari aiye, omu imøle wasayemi ofimi løkan bale, aiya mi o ja eru o si bamimø

ife re mumi rinri ajo ayø omumi de ebute idunnu ati alafia mowoke modupe løwø eledua to semilanu nigba ti mo ?e awari ife re

bi ewe ba pe Lara o?e, a ma d'ø?e ekurø lala b'aku ewa bi inu ba ?è ?ì, aworan re lowa ni be. iwø ni monife julø.

mawo ariwo øja rara. ma?e da awøn eletan løhun iru ife wa yii lowu wøn ife at'oke l'atørun wa.

# Once Upon A Time In April

everything become so real laughter, heartbeats so fast her face enchanting her smile infectious once upon a time in April.

he sneaks out in the middle of the day. her presence mesmerising her voice angelic and echoed miles and miles away once upon a time in April.

his phone becomes the mirror, he glances furtively in anticipation of the sound close to the trumpet call, expectant in lovely misery once upon a time in April.

two hearts beating differently same sounds, equal vibration two bodies too long apart, affirmation from her love begins once upon a time in April.

he loves the journey two hands locked in dreams thousand steps, millions more to come tears and smiles unavoidable once upon a time in April.

#### **Pointless**

if I were with you right now what will you do? will you say you love me? kiss me? or hold my hands?

I had a dream last night and you were in it

I wish you could be here right now

even under the blanket I feel so cold my socks lack the warmth only your legs give am trying to sleep but you torment my dreams

I am staring at your unforgettable face even if you stay in Antarctica I will find you my love am not going to stop, will keep trying until I hold you once again in my manly embrace

you are the best person I have ever met without you I have no life your beauty purifies the air that I breathe I love you just the way you are

when I see your face everything becomes beautiful every dreams become a reality all my goals open right in front of me even the sun shines brighter than ever

whether evening, morning or afternoon the only song on my lips is your name the sound of your voice is the beat I dance to like an alien you invaded my world

your sweetness is enough to give me toothache let me cover you like sheets on my bed my life without you is like a blunt pencil POINTLESS

#### Raise A Glass To A Woman

physically beautiful with scars or not mentally awake, sexy or hot aesthetically pleasing to the eyes humanly generous than others by miles

she is woman like we all know when she wants her love could be pure as snow when she likes she can be as plain as paper at the same time as sweet as wafer

she is a mother first of all she gives her all till her strength falls she goes hungry till they are satisfied making parental love magnified

across the years she has been fettered loved, appreciated and likewise battered she has been used to the point of depression till today she still lives in oppression

let us rise up in defense of our women their love and affection is mightier than the pen the foundation of the world is built on them thats why i wrote this poem for them

let us raise our glasses to all the women of the world lets love them and spare them the rod they are made from our manly ribs they deserve our praise from every manly lips

## **Seductive**

So seductive my angel.....so high class u need not a label.....the most beautiful creature i ever set my eyes on.....the shining light brighter than the sun.....a happiness felt by the coming of the morn.....my angel so seductive.....so relaxing like sedative.....she purged my life of vanity like laxative......what can i ever do without my seductive

## **Smell Of Your Presence**

My nose wrinkle at the smell of your presence I whisper my heart onto my palms for warmth From your heavenly embrace my skin takes its glow

I feel your presence, even though I do not see you The tone of your voice seem distance to my hearing Just to catch a glimpse, my visions become blurred

Your embrace leaves my skin scarred Like patterns on graffiti on a ghetto wall And I whisper again into my watery palms

# The Lady Of The Throne

she sits with poise on her throne smiling, just like every other girl but she isn't forming, beauty with brains, she lights flames with pen, what a pity, fate fate decide to steal her stride

in her disability lies her ability and humility still her beauty ensnare you in captivity it makes you tremble and want to kiss her cheek?? hopefully you share with her simple humanity

her smile feels like paradise is earned already like those tales you hear at the bank of the nile only told by nomads whom home seem distant to to melt the heart of even the most hardened

#### The Past

there has never been a perfect life we all go around with our troubles hidden beneath our trendy garbs masked all round by friendly smile

I have never been out of that circle broke hearts, fell in and out of love missed lessons, skipped class and other youthful mischiefs

moral uprightness thrown to the trash easily angered by little things hardened soul only meant for warriors except I never went to war.

university came, I packed my bags so young when I left the house what will become of me I knew not I was never taught how to succeed

student politics grabbed me by the neck fought and fought, I couldn't rescue myself defending others gave me zeal and honed my lawyer you skill

I failed not once, twice or thrice i tried and tried, second chances so useful I fell enough of times to know I couldn't escape what's meant to be

now grown up I still make mistakes sometimes I just wonder when would it stop maybe I never even grew up can I just have my youth back

#### The Silence Within

I strolled down my lane, for a rendezvous with nature and a little time to think

I passed the ewa agoin seller, A cloud on every face I saw, sign of distress and anguish.

of daily struggles and hunger of truthful lies in pitiable conditions of dried tears turn to dust

I saw it in all around the quiet stomach rumbles In every closed empty soup pot, the spotted skinless dog

Then I saw the protruding belly, of bili the street honeypot, of an unborn fatherless child cos she knows not the father

I saw the red darting eyes of chucks run furtively looking for a careless victim to provide a whiff of hemp

Ali the suya seller beckons. muttered greetings of salam followed by complaint of no sale and resignation to fate

then I saw them all; the young shirtless boys and girls running all around the street in mindless glee

the boys chasing a round leather the girls playing hide and seek little effigy in between their thighs playing motherly roles to dolls

the motherly head bow in thought the childish head bow in mischeif the mother's in fruitless hope the daughter's in mindless anticipation

#### The Soul

where does the soul really go to does it perch on the tree like a bat or fly mightily like the giant eagle or does it roam the empty Street like a hopeless vagrant

does it carry worldly pain or joy tears, laughter or happiness can it be said to be a empty bottomless pit, monstrous, vague mysterious, and enchanting?

or does it just stay around awhile to possess the trees in the forest? turn to fruits and drop at will to be feasted upon by birds and anything living around?

where does my soul go to after am gone? is it divided into two parts or one? the good part and the bad part the beautiful and ugly part, what a noble and shameful brat

can it be found beside the one i love? or does it hover around them to protect them when in danger or remember me in times of joy or vilify me in painful memories

or will it just float away like debris on an ocean without trace? or evaporates into the sky to bring rain? and pour shower of kindness on the beautiful ones I left behind?

or will it be trapped in everlasting torment? I need to know what happens to my soul

#### The Stubborn Rose

there was once a rose a beautiful pretty rose so radiant and pleasant to the eyes. everybody wanted to have it in their house.

she was betrothed to the thorn
he took care of her till she was matured.
he protected her with her beauty
until one day she felt he couldn't complement her.

she went to her mother one bright morning she said 'mother all my ugly friends have been picked by good men, why am I left out'

the mother replied 'because you belong to the thorn.

' why will I marry this ugly thorn she replied' 'the only thing he does his protect and nothing more'

'he can't buy me new clothes to display my beauty'

'I will rather marry that old farmer than waste my life with thorn '

be patient my daughter the mother said, thorn is a kind man who will leave you to any man who is gentle, to take care of you

a man who will treat you like a gift and show the world how beautiful you are.

mother the little rose replied, ' I can't wait that long for such a man in fact I will call on the farmer next time I see him' I will gladly offer myself to him and follow him home'

my daughter be patient the mother cried, can't you see how I have lived so long in my ugliness?

your father must be proud to have me as his wife.

'No mother that was then, this time I do what I want' OK no problem the mother agreed and resigned to loosing her precious gift.

the next day the farmer was coming back home, so tired and so weary from the days job

oh farmer please come take me home the rose cried, I want to be with you forever,

nay the farmer replied, I am old and ragged and have no means to take care of you.

farmer never worry I will leave with you, I will persevere till everything is fine the farmer looked at his hand already calloused and begged the rose once again to find someone else.

the rose burst into to tears and promised to kill herself the farmer finally agreed to take her home the thorn looked at her and the farmer In a sombre mood and promised never to let her go.

the farmer tried to free her but the thorn won't let go, the farmer and the thorn began to drag the rose between themselves

until the rose became damaged and gradually she lost her life.

## **Turmoil**

the pain eats slower the turmoil gets deeper they think they know but that's their imagination

everything looks normal even smiles come easier the tears that come felt only by the one in the mirror

shattered dreams, unspoken fears bleak future all rewards of sin. shared moments more saddening future tales less likely

the will to persist evaporates the urge to give up radiates I see the strength go gradually I see their tears now more clearly

# Twenty Youths, Twenty Years

different parents different homes all we shared was just our genders and our little naked fraternity as we chase the orange ball around

we were all too young to know that life will never be so fair to all some will be poor others will be rich some will be near, some will be out of reach

some went to universities, others did not.
hawking sachets of water to earn a living while others dwell in life's rot
to blame God for no reason

our youthful days, was carefree moments to mama we would always run with bruised knees after a little scolding we would always run back to the arms for our waiting brethren

we always thought we would be friends forever with no care in the world thanks to mama with papa's whip always stretching forth to curb the little juvenile comfort

I want my youth back of running round the street of lagos of my my friends who are now grown up of my naked running all around the street

#### **Under The Mask**

under the mask i am a sadist, i walk in the valley of hatred, malice and wickedness. under the mask my thoughts are of violence and mayhem,

under the mask, I swear by GOD, i was once an innocent boy. full of life and happiness. so carefree he holds no fear.

then came the anger and pain from separation of loved ones then came loneliness and endless sleepless nights

under the mask, I see weakness and foolishness, I see fears, I see pain, I see tears cried in vain, to none in question

under the mask i feel weak and have no sense of belonging, i did wrong things just to fit in in a worthless and cruel world

under the mask i am nothing but shadow i follow in darkness, dissappear in light, and immerse myself in guilt.

under the mask i am not an advocate nor a writer, I am what the world made me. I am just a Whisper.

the mask tames the Wolf within from devouring me and all it protects me from my self and the world and all is OK

# We Part To Meet Again

if we had known it wouldn't be more than a year we wouldn't have formed a family bounded by love and religion eternally joined together in truth

many hungry nights we scaled through of furtive glances at the phone when next the sound of alert will beep of silent curses sworn to no one

alas! it's now over finally bags dusted and cloths packed 7/7 is the only thing on the mind that mixed color paper is all we care about

after the khaki comes the suit basic salary overshadows allowee conference meeting over cds you know God Almighty is in his mood.

as we all go our different ways favour and mercy I pray we meet so we shall all rejoice when we meet and the parting might not be so hard again

# Who Gets The Blame

if I sleep and wake no more if I go and never come back. if you hear of all I ever I did will you take a moment and forgive me

if tears ever come to your eyes if in old age I wasn't there to lower you down if I was the reason you never make heaven will you ever forgive me.

if the house never re echo my voice if my picture is the source of tears if my absence brings you pain will you ever forgive me.

I tried my best in this sinful world
I lost my way so early in life
I looked by my side I didn't find you
will I ever forgive you?