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I'm just a simple girl from west africa who loves to read and write. I enjoy poetry and prose. I don't mind being friends with anyone cuz I just love making friends regardless of who you are or where you an open type and I like people who speak their me!!!

## A Day Of A Month In 20-07

I asked they told me told me it is the most beautiful thing in the world told me it has the power to move mountains told me it could weaken the strongest of hearts told me it is the greatest weapon of peace.

They told me
but a day of a month in 20-07
a day taught me that love
is when you feel you belong
when you have great big dreams
when all you can do is hope, want, get lost and love again.

So I, I did not ask anymore i need not be told anylonger because if love is true and i belive it is that day of a month in 20-07 told me all a needed to know.

#### A Friend

A friend is a gift sometimes give you a fit, but a gift of nature and a part of your future.

A friend is like a flower of a beautiful summer, in a lovely garden and'll never let you sadden.

What makes a great friend is the very true, h/she's never a fury for a friend is always cozy....

#### If Tomorrow Never Comes

Dear mother,
just now I realized
that man's stay on earth
is but limited
and that our days
are but numbered
and being mortal i know not
what lies ahead tomorrow.

But if tomorrow never comes just you remember that you had a daughter who despite her teenage rebellions adores you.

Please mother, do tell my father and my brother that inspite of our differences they were dear to my heart.

But to you my love if tomorrow never comes do remember those beautiful eyes of mine that once mirrored the flame of love that burneth within my heart.

And do remember that though life be short and unpredictable its still a beautiful life, live it I did!

## Life Difference

What makes our lives different;
Is the way we think,
And the way our destinies are laid for us.
Not all our thoughts are different;
But to be goody goody,
We try thinking good thoughts so much often.

## Life Is A Lottery

Everything is a trial Even including your desires You always have to chose You don't have a choice.

Did you buy the right stockings? Or better still the right quality? Its trial and error Thats life isn't it?

Maybe if the driver knew Knew that he'd die in an accident Maybe he wouldn't have been a driver The car's a disastrous monster.

But who is ever sure
Of what the future holds?

Not the students battling with papers, Not the women expecting babies, Not even the religious folks Noone is ever sure Perhaps because Life is A Lottery

# Love Heaven; Hate Death

More often than not; so much often than not, We talk about heaven; we imagine heaven, We pray and wish; to go to heaven, Yet funnily enough; we don't want to die, Or do you; well I don't!!!!

## Old Age

My grandmother, she's so old has no teeth poor grandmother, once the village beauty can hardly see to talk to gandmother, i have to shout for grandmother can barely hear.

But she can walk long distance places with energy emanating from bygone days when relentlessly she toiled under the African sun

So now when young men ask me for a dance i cannot help but wonder at my old age who will???

#### **Proud Of Africa**

I am proud and proud indeed i shall not propound cause am strongly bound, to say it loud and let it sound even as i drown and am down.

The African cultures are most powerful and has always been so colourful, allow not they destroy our cultures those vultures with no culture.

Proud should we be to be Africans together should we stand to make Africa, for the development of dear Africa Lies on our very palms.

## The Good Heart

All the world's asleep
but i lay awake
fantasizing to pass the time
in my mind
good battles evil
in my heart
love reigns
so when it is said unto me
follow thy heart!
tis true
for the good heart
is a heart most guided by God.

#### The Letter

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To whom it may concern;
      Am sorry,
      for leaving in a hurry
      i hate to leave so
      but i have to go
      so you can know
      that although
      you gave me the world
      my heart feels cold
       for deep within me
       i cannot see
       what used to be
       but let me promise you
       that even as it takes me through
       an entire life
       i shall strive
       to find
       what i lost inside
       and one day soon
        am coming home for good
            But until then.....
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God bless you!

## To My Mother

You groomed me and loved me You cautioned me and wanted me You fed me and cared for me There's really noone like you.

You scream and shout and shriek You yell and hit and talk I get fedup and want to leave Now I've left and I miss you.

There's none like a mother
I miss you despite our fights
But I've made a promise to stand by your words
Your words of wisdom are my guide.

## Why I Smile

A man came to me said he had something to say and me being me said he had the whole day so he asked why i smile all day perplexed i asked if my smiles upset his day.

Poor man turned red in the face and said my smiles were fake it then dawn on me he just didn't know me so i asked him what it was that hurt him most 'that your smiles are so beautiful', he said and well there! that answers his question!