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#### A Home In Me

I've been searching day and night To find you a home One you'd reside in from above So countless days I had to roam. I sadly found none I've been completely lost Whatever could be done I had done it all. As I lay thinking A thin voice I heard No need for this roaming I'm very okay here. I need not a home For in you I've found one So stop the roam And help unveil my plan. I realized my search had been in vain For in me I carried he who needed a home The man who was slain Helping to make my life whole. He silently sit In the insides of my heart Hoping I'd realize after nothing I reach That he resides in my life. I let out a simple prayer Lord I avail myself, live in me Allow me never a naysayer Help me move and thrive with thee. A home in me He found One He can find in you too And you'd be more than glad That the creator exists in you.

## **Black Is Beautiful**

Black is beautiful for that I'm forever thankful I ain't changing my color not for any other. Black is glorious never been famous? try being black you'll know the fact. Black is catchy Never try bleaching if you didn't know now you know. Black is pure shiny and strong Never will be dull no matter the fall Black is Black forever will be proud I'm an African forever be stunning.

## **Butterfly**

Tiny are you, O butterfly beautiful your colors red, yellow, green the rainbow.

you flap your wings gracefully portraying your beauty showing your dazzling colors your splendor, an eye-saw

you dash wish a speed of wind in search of food to thrive and live in the world and next.

flowers blossoming, your choice their nectar, your favourite you suck till you're full ready to glide through the woods

caterpillars just like you warm, cold, creepy green like a leaf wriggly a worm in wait for mother butterfly

## Call For Awakening

The bells are ringing loud and hard

Echoing greatly in

ears, making our lips wobble like car tyres

And our bodies shake like a convulsive child.

It's as loud as a hawker's voice

Calling all to purchase her wares.

It's time for a change in our race

A time for men to embrace a turnaround in the carnality of the mind

A time people would boldly display the placard of change in the mathematics of our race

And where the earth would pave way for the great and eliminate the bad causing weight.

The siren is tolling with great strength.

Calling all of the earth to action to work with great affection and put a sanction on the functions of the evil one.

To bring to bare that nothing is fair not even the red.

A time for a rotation in man's system to cause a reaction in the perception of men

A season for the earth to leap like an athlete over a hurdle to receive the baton of transformation.

It's time for a new beginning, where we have to dethrone the god ruling over the earth and live fairly.

The pages of our lives we have to rewrite to stand right before the maker.

We've go to turn over new leaves in our quest to win life's quiz to get the prize free without a price.

Arise oh ye earth! stand up oh ye inhabitants!! Awake oh living!!!

For the staff of righteousness awaits you.

Eradicate sin as poverty from amongst you.

Cast out the demon of contention amongst the church to create satisfaction and affection and remove affliction.

Get rid of bad doings and intentions which will be the introduction of fears and suppression.

The time is now. The hour is nigh. The new dawn has broken, sprinkling forth its new dew without a token. Raise the calabash of a new heart to receive of the empyrean with great and amazing power.

The horn is hooting like a sound emanating from a ram's horn

Arise earth, awake oh lands. No time to waste Buckle up your shoes like soldiers ready for battle. Take

up the role of responsibility and awaken the spirit of fidelity.

Time and tide awaits no man. As long as the longitude remains perpendicular to the equator and its latitudes and the planets orbit around the sun with different attitudes, day and night would wait not a second for anyone. Take up the mantle. Change old ways to new.

Awake oh earth! Arise all lands!! Peace!!!

#### **Fashion**

She's the lady of ego, the girl of her prime She's the center of attraction, an ogling picturesque.

She's the power which encapsulates the minds and eyes of men The magnet which does people in without a choice.

She's the force seductively piercing into the hearts and souls of many. She's what everyone craves for, the highest commodity on the international market.

She's the lady who twists and turns the minds of the young with her influence Giving them hard times to vacillate.

She's a vagrant, a vagabond

Bringing all vagary.

She's like the slim copper-colored model in the pencil heels who winds and turns her fine waist to the public And leaves with no choice than to comply. She's the lady of attention, causing more detentions.

She shines brighter than a constellation Than a zillion galaxies in the atmosphere. She's complacent, giving no damn about others.

She's the core of seduction Slowly moving as lava from a heated volcano magma.

She's the lady with class Making vulnerable ones kowtow to her whims.

She's Fashion
The lady of generations
She's the inexplicable one.
The lady of her time

#### Gone

All Is Gone.

It was difficult letting go,
At times I was broken.
Didn't know how to get to the end of the road,
Dejected...Abandoned...Forsaken.

I slumped deep in me with no sense of direction, My woes sputtered over my life's screen. Did all I could yet no satisfaction, Wished I could vent on life my spleen.

Darkness gulped me down its throat, Stood as an obstacle on my paths, Working hard to hinder my growth, My life's tyre lay flat.

A sparkle of light rayed my hopes, Elevated my dreams to lands afar. My doubts and fears all now hang on a rope, All gone, leaving the door ajar

#### His Love Drains

Under the tree I sit on lovers bench Comfortably resting on the pillow of my lover's thighs His gaze piercing into mine like a TV set His hand combing down my hair like Rumpelstiltskin. I loved his touch, it felt good I was chilly like a glass of chilled coca cola My legs were made into French pleats One which a lady did on her hair Like a masseuse, he encompassed my body with warmth And encapsulated me with loving charm Not for girls, but genuine charm One implanted in him from on high. Lying here, I reminisce Times with him in rain and shine When we sailed far and near And ate much of our lippy fruits I felt his cozy chest Oh dear, how stout! His curly hair and sparkling teeth Driving me crazy each day His love drains Though he isn't a drainage pump It drains me off my senses Sweeps me off my feet And plants me in the skies to glide like a glider His love moves deep down the roots of my heart As rain flows down the core of the earth I'm in so much love Cos his love drains me through.

### Hymen

He broke the hymen of my heart Tears of blood flowed down my private eyes. My flimsy life he tore apart Shredding it into a 1000 parts. He suck me sore in my sockets Till nothing he left in my pockets. Like a starfish he attractively enticed Me with bad and readily chastised. He gave me no fish but I smelt something fishy As days passed I was fading out quickly. He placed my soul in captivity And gave me no liberty. He crushed the pages of my life Threw me left, right and afar. My head I hit on various rocks Till I met the eternal rock. This man, Jesus, shone like light Came to my rescue to fight for my right. He fixed the hymen torn by the devil By his power, he removed evil. He put in me the Holy Spirit Cast out strongly the evil spirit. I was no bread but arose like yeast Drew me out to celebrate his feat. He restored the virginity of my soul Snatched me greatly out of shoel. Now I'm glad and beaming with smiles A dirty me he drew to the priesthood clan. He divorced me from my earthly life I realized with him I can stand.

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Now, I am free

He saved me without a fee.

Satan broke the hymen of my heart

But, Jesus put the hymen intact.

#### I Wonder!

I wonder how the world be
If we went back to the garden of Eden.
With all the animals around us
Yeah, I think it would be fun.

With our bodies naked No clothes nor knickers. Would there be no shyness? And everything in it's fullness?

I wonder how life would be When we move- you and me In the garden loud and free As we thrive in wee and spree.

I wonder if there would be civilization And even nations Would there be inventions? What about innovations?

I wonder if there would exist factions Or arise divisions For our law would be God's regulations Our perfect constitution.

I wonder if there would be wars
And fleets of chaos
I wonder if lives would be lost
And if vehicles would somersault.

I wonder! I wonder! ! I wonder! !!
The world in a garden
An awesome experience
But, would that have existed?

# If I Could Hug You Once Again

If I could hug you once again Loving arms in I would be Hold on tight, so close to me More happiness, I know I'd gain

If I could hug you once again Feel your body nigh mine Sweet aroma like onga I'd love to have it more.

If I could hug you once again Close my eyes, am off away! Swept off my feet, am long gone To a land, my own wonderland.

If I could hug you once again
Oh dear, I await that time
I'd rather it never comes
Cause a long while I'd have to wait

# I'm The Champ

I'm the champ Yes I know I am I excel in all I do Never failing, always passing I'm the champ The guru of my time At the top No going down I'm the champ The professor of my generation I got nothing to lose I have all to win I'm the champ People see me as crazy As I spend time making the mark They'll never know till they know That I am the champ I am the champ I am and forever will be Got a life to live Gonna live to the fullest No despair Always be first.

#### Life

I was an introvert and I couldn't revert. I hardly spoke not 'cause I feared a choke. It was my make-up With me till I grew up. Was a little timid Oh dear! Mommy hated it. More than shy Remember I use to cry. People said I was so soft I wonder if I was a cloth! I wasn't though But then I was cold. Could do nothing on my own Always had to be pushed. Daddy would say 'You're now a lady Speak up and be real'. I tried becoming an extrovert No more an introvert. Psyched myself up No more going back! I befriended everyone Unfriended no one. Had to be lively Not only to family. Tried being cheerful Just a little less sorrowful. Pushed in my real me Looked like twas so sweet. I put smiles on people's faces They thought I had the grace. Little did they know I'd been made to go. I built up good relations There were no exceptions. Treated all right What a real fight!

I had to endure

To remain strong.

Mommy felt happy

My change was snappy.

I was glad with my new self

That I was so much at rest.

Never did I imagine

I would be diverting

From my way of living

As it caused many queries.

My 'carefree' life

Brought me strife.

My friendliness

Brought me hatred.

My sane living

Introduced envying.

I'm fed up now

Don't wanna go loud.

Back to the old me

Cool, cold and my own crony.

No more pretense

Wanna be reserved.

Moving with full force

Like a galloping horse.

Off to introvert

Out of extrovert.

No longer interested

In becoming perfect.

Going my own way

The price, I'm ready to pay.

Ready to face the consequences

Whatever happens, I care less.

Already into it

No time to quit.

Back to my roots

Out of my crook.

Wow, that sounds cool!

Am never going clued.

Moving to Introvert

No more Extrovert.

## **Many Questions**

Many questions have I to ask the Lord

Many things that boggle my mind

Which I need to clarify.

How did he create the earth with and from nothing?

How did he mould and fix the human body?

How did he just call things to existence and they obeyed?

How did he create the universe?

Many questions have I

Is God black or white?

A male or female?

How does he know the end from the beginning?

And the beginning from the end?

Many questions! Many questions!!

Questions none has answers to

Not even the prophets and the pastors

Nor the angels and the seraphims.

Questions whose answers none can decipher

Not even the soothsayers and the magicians

Nor the martial artists and the monks.

I'm sure one day I'll have answers

When I ascend with the son into the clouds

As a magnet attracting metals

Or honey attracting bees.

I know I'll have answers

When I sit at the maker's feet

With my long scroll and feather and ink

To write the meanings to those things.

# Meeting

When I was busily eating,
I had a call to go for the meeting,
In the midst of men fleeting,
To speak against the case teaming.

When I entered, Everything had been corrected, By the people elected. The slides were now projected, And the speeches uninterrupted.

I was called upon,
To share my thoughts to all,
And give a prayer across,
With the motto one for all.

'This issue can be solved, When we all resolve, To work with integrity and love, As the days revolve'.

Everyone was at peace,
The speech was delivered with ease,
And they purposed to please,
Their masters and their team.

Now all was done, And I could go back, To the meal made by mum, And sleep in my barn.

#### **Never I Believed**

Never I believed
A time coming
Now come
With my sunshine darkened.

Never I believed Or imagined A dark day ahead.

A day of sorrow
A day of pain
A day tears are uncountable
And sadness inevitable.

Never I believed!

Never I believed!!

Never I believed!!!

The doom and the affliction

The heartbreak and the anxiety.

Never I believed
The icy hands of death
My father would they grip
And drag along the way.

A sojourner! A sojourner!!

A sojourner treading a lonely path
Struggling his way into happiness
Encountered with a deficiency.

No way of escape
No mercy, No grace
No help for a dying soul
Just a hand so dreadful and horrid.

Never I believed! The agony of death Never I believed!! Fatherless I would be Never I believed!!! So close to my doorstep eternity would crouch.

My spine chilly
My eyes teary
My soul shabby
My countenance gloomy
Never I believed!

## **Nobody Is Useless**

Irrespective of situations,
Irrespective of conditions,
Irrespective of how we see people,
Nobody is useless.

No matter someone's failure No matter someone's pain and affliction No matter how bad someone looks Nobody is useless.

Whether you like people or not, Whether you have sympathy for people or not, Whether you despise people or not, Nobody is useless.

#### Nobody is useless;

The cobbler isn't, the hawker isn't, the potter isn't.

The amputee isn't, the blind isn't, the sick isn't.

The less privileged isn't, the poor isn't, neither is the challenged.

#### Nobody is useless;

Your being rich doesn't make you useful, Your status doesn't make you a success, Your hard-earned wealth doesn't make you a champion.

You definitely are not useless
I also am not
We certainly are useful
Obviously NOBODY IS USELESS.

#### **Praise**

Two hands at different sides I have To wave my maker left to right. An able tongue in my mouth To sing His praises in and out. A big and voluptuous body To swing and dance for glory. A mouth so small and so cute To tell all of my mind renewed.

#### Red!

She was a quiet, little girl As white as an albino A nose as Pinocchio's And a sparkling white teeth. Her eyes shone as the sun which arose by midday Her skin as smooth as the pearls and shells along the seashore She had eyes of gold And eyebrows as dark as coal She lived in the caves along the coasts A burrowing organism she was As wild as a wounded lioness With bare feet she strode Aimlessly, surveying the world An itinerant dweller was she One you could see everywhere you went She had one outstanding feature: A kinky, curly, brown-colored hair It shone like the sun's eclipse Like a hemorrhaging open wound 'RED', Everyone called her Much to her dislike She looked RED though Her hair looked like colored sawdust It matched perfectly with her skin A whitish combination **RFDI** She needed no mirror To see her reflection For all she cared She was the prettiest Her name was a mystery One had to unravel 'Stilletisso' The meaning no one knew She was a picturesque RED!!!!

## Sixty Years On

Sixty years saw our birth from the colonial womb,
Our expulsion from the toils and incessant whims of those
who delighted in suppressing our wills in a bid to exorcise our race.
Sixty years saw us the bright light which rayed the eyes of those colonial ties
And gorged them out to perpetual darkness.

They sat,
They sought,
They partitioned our lands,
Broke our heritage with flashy items,
Distorted our culture,
Devastated our black lineage,
Hypnotized our senses till we kowtowed to them.

How brutish! The struggle for power fidgeted with our sanctity.

Inhumane attitudes sputtered over our frail lands;

A tooth for a tooth, an eye for an eye.

Gold Coast helplessly looked on as she was explored, exploited and colonized;

No hand of rescue, deep drowning in the mud of slavery.

They stripped us off our dignity, our nakedness bare before the eyes of all. Thus, believed we were nothing before the decimal point.

Gave us a pinch of modernization for the goodies heaven bestowed on us, Arithmetically increasing their barns from the peanuts they gave us.

They said we were inferior,

next to animals,

Apes,

Monkeys,

Worst race ever!

'Black is silly, White golden', they coerced us to believe, providing alternatives for being white.

We lost as a continent, country and race with all our resources bowing to them

.

Till...

Hands came and together fought to salvage into the rescue boat our lands 'On board oh Ghanaians', they chanted We did...toiled...worked

Alas! We're free
Sixty years into independence
Though we're held by their evil clutches in deceptive ways
We still remain independent.

A nation flowing with milk and honey.

A nation with a beautiful people.

A nation with a beautiful heritage.

Black is black! Black is not inferior!!

Black is the breath that survives white!!!

The colour that reveals the other colours!!!!

Happy independence Ghana.
Gold Coast, the land that causes envy
And crazes the white field,
The lead of Africa.
Let's march on in independence.
\*Happy independence\*!

#### **Sober Reflections**

His head dropped low like his chin had lost the hinges that held them.

Face blushing, eyes rolling, lips drooping.

His taste buds had uncovered the secret and had vowed to let the cat out of the bag.

In his mind rose a hazy cloud which blocked his mental atmosphere.

He was completely shut down by the unseen fog which held on to his conscience.

The wind of confusion swept off all the happiness sprinkled on the land of his heart causing erosion.

He recalled how his deeds expelled him out of their womb;

His recalcitrance led him astray.

He sipped from the great glass of the second human,

And now his tongue deceives him - it was sweet now bitter.

Recalibrating, it dawned on him one thing - he had lost the mark:

His cabalistic attitude dragged him through the murk.

Now his thoughts had grown furious and unruly.

He was skeptical about getting help

For none he thinks is ready with a pillow to give him rest.

Left to himself, the world behind, he bade farewell to the future.

Till a heavenly force pushed him to skedaddle from his woes.

Now restoration smiles on him,

Happiness kisses his lips.

His sober reflections now turned good.

#### The Porter

The Potter Dirty and unkempt, she carries her basin Waiting for customers to call out to her. Her feet bare she walks hurriedly through the market looking pale and frail thin and slim yet, an iota of strength has she to carry her customer's wares. A pale-looking boy like she her baby, to be precise sleeps at her back. Wrapped with filthy clothes with no education. He wakes up periodically to say 'Maa, Maa, am hungry'. She pays no attention pats him on the butt a sign to say 'Shut up' moves steadily ahead no time for babies. She suddenly comes across someone with her wares. quickly loads her big basin walks a long distance receiving only a dime as wage. She smiles happily Alas! There's something to feed on She mumbles a thank and speeds off to wait for another. Night falls her dilemma has began no where to lay her head. Lies on cardboards with her baby in a deserted space of a shop till daybreak. She has to cope

with the dangerous bites of mosquitoes. she hardly sleeps, I can say 'cause all night she spends driving away those hungry and blood-thirsty devils.

Morning comes ready to face another bustling day in order to survive with her child. She is the lady we know with no education or ego. She is the potter The Kayaye.

#### Three Jewels

We lived so normal our lives
From the 8th to the 9th position.
In peace, love and harmony we thrived,
In spite of daring situations.
Working hard towards satisfaction,
We clambered together life's ladder,
Our magnets full of attraction,
My 3 jewels are my muse!

Jo's lips never spoke
Those beautiful words they do now.
Not because he feared a choke;
His organs forcefully bid him a vow.
Dan was at school's brow;
He was a hazy intellect.
Suffering in his head to crowd.
My 3 jewels are my muse!

Sam was always in a vial
Desperately struggling out to flee,
At sadness, tears he would dial
To eventually send him glee.
His eyes would fall sleet
At the least disturbance.
Now happiness he has at his feet,
My 3 jewels are my muse!

We're interwoven, intertwined and intersected to make the perfect home, An unbreakable love binds us in perfect solemnization. Pulses exchanged demonstrate our deep affection; My 3 jewels are my muse!

Dedicated to my 3 sons: Jonas, Daniel and Samuel.

#### **Time**

Most of the time, We waste our time.

We do wrong things at the right time, And right things at the wrong time.

Some times,
When we have time,
There are lots of funtime.

When we have no time,
We do things on time
Cos we never want to lose track of time.

In pursuit of the times,
We are cautious of time,
For if we ignore the time,
Our good things will bypass us with time.

We need to know the time,
In our lifetime,
To help in difficult times,
So we don't lose track of the times.

# What You Say

Little is the tongue residing in the mouth Yet strong enough to cause a fire. Like a spark it flies lightly In a quest to either build or break. Tiny and harmless this tongue purports But great harm it can cause. Harm irreversible and utterly destroying But with positivity, it can stop. I call it life's greatest bait Used to fish for endless grace. Life and death is contained in it So can shred and tear in bits. What you say defines your life Makes an impact, whether good or bad. Leaves you wandering left and right For evidence, watch your tongue.

# **World Poetry Day**

You're my lips when nothing have I to speak

My safest medium of communication.

You search deep into the subconscious of men

And help them paint pictures on the eyes of others with mere words.

You're the microphone which propels the voices and words of innocent writers to the world

And drilling them deep into their hearts.

You're the platform upon which the rich in words climb to spew out the rich delicacies enshrined within them.

You're poetry, the food for the

soul and the mind

You're the rhythm that makes the feet wobble in admiration.

You're poetry.

#### Write Me A Poem

One that frees you from the thoughts of your mind One that sets you free from the bondage of solitude

Write me a poem
One that's paints pictures with words
One that only I can understand and marvel at

Write me a poem from depths of your heart that the height of my brain would fathom and be in awe. In awe of such craftsmanship

Write me a poem
One that echoes everything sentiment I keep bottled in

Bottled in so I don't face judgement because I sin differently

Write me a poem

One that gives me hope that I can make a difference in the world

A difference that transcends continents

Write me a poem

That my eyes would read, my mind would digest and my heart would fall in love with

Write me a poem, I so wish.

#### You Gave Me A Name

You gave me a name

When you saw my face

After mother gave me birth

And silently laid me in bed.

With loving eyes you looked on me

Drawn on your face was a cute grin.

You kept me in your cozy arms

That I could feel your heart against mine.

I felt your warm chest

Guarding me like a watchman's spear.

You were never in a hurry

So I had nothing to worry.

You gave me a name

Seven days after I was made.

You searched for a perfect one

To suit and match my life.

You taught me happiness

In me you removed sadness.

You'd do all in my place

You and were always in our base.

You gave me your love

Same you showed to mum.

You gave me a name

Caring for me always.

You slept not when I did

Planting kisses on my lips.

You'd always lock the gate

Doing all to keep me safe.

I was your greatest priority

Wishes you made a possibility.

You were my greatest honey

I loved when you bought me that bunny.

I knew you were always there

To take me day and night to the fair.

You gave me a name

In your bosom I'll forever remain

I know I'll be the best

When I follow your steps.

An honest man as you are

Teaching me good from bad.

You'd want to see me grow in the Lord

Even as I live in this corrupt world.

You gave me a name

Now the name gives me fame.

I'm blessed by your words

Resounds in my mind every now and then.

This is the day I had always longed

To tell of your good deeds to the whole of the world

You're such an amazing father

No wonder you chose me a great mother.

Happy Father's Day Daddy

May your blessings be plenty

In the stores of heaven

And your fame showered as the ravens. I'll love you always

Cause you gave me a name.