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# Had I Known

Had I known  
I couldn't have done that  
I couldn't have waste my time  
I couldn't have taken lunch and even with you dine.

Had I known  
Close to you I couldn't have been  
Am dirty now, you are clean  
Am bad even to worst, you are good  
Why to you was I clinging  
I didn't know its kings & queens' food  
Am a rat, a cockroach and a lizard in the ceiling  
Flown to me as a brood  
Ushered unto me are curses and not even a blessing  
Now am stupid and crooked.

I understand am not the first to experience it  
Re-read the whole story and meet the characters  
I am a villain and not a protagonist  
Responsible for bad omens in the movie am that actor  
Had I known  
I couldn't have played.

Had I known how to love and not to hate and hurt  
I couldn't have been a slave and even breaking the family's plate  
All these because I didn't know how it gonna be like today  
I have worked and not been given my pay  
A lot of names I have been named because of the play  
A fool as one born on fools day, on 1st April  
Am still stupid though I was born on the 21st of January  
Forgiveness is the attribute for the strong  
Can a fool be strong and forgive as Vistel  
Had I known the part I was to play  
I could have been at cold place and not hell.

Lucky to learn how to forgive  
My wounds are aching because are not healed  
The bacteria which was used during the immunization isn't killed  
My antibodies are not strong

So is my immune system as a baby 1yr aged  
My head aching as it has been hit by a gong  
All these because of the game I played  
Had I known.

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# I Saw You

I saw you  
I am sure I saw you that day  
You were quite as if you were dumb  
You behaved as if you are an angel sent from God  
You attracted my attention and impressed me a lot  
I saw you eating in that expensive hotel  
And I couldn't believe you will listen to me talking  
I was amazed when you gave me the morsel  
I never thought you will stay by my side  
But now you are here with me

I saw you that day  
I warned you of your behaviour, but you didn't take heed of my advice  
With a loving and caring heart I approached you  
It wasn't violent, but with total peace  
It wasn't hot, it was cool  
With hope that you were going to listen  
Changing your behaviour is something you said you can't  
But now there you are in prison

I saw you  
You were running away from school  
I told the consequences of your misconduct  
You insulted me and said that I am a fool  
Look now, this is what you've got as products  
I told you to apologise after being expelled  
You saw no profit in school and went out as a robber  
That education is most important, you denied  
But now you've cried

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# My Big Brother

Day by day I think of you,  
How can all of this be true?  
I can't believe you're really gone,  
I still can't accept it,  
Even after so long.  
Just the thought of you makes me cry, I never even got the chance to say  
goodbye.  
Every picture, every letter,  
I don't know if it will ever get better.  
I always smell your familiar scent,  
It makes me think of all of the times we've  
spent. I know we didn't always get along,  
And every time we talked, it would always  
go wrong.  
So many things I never got to say,  
I never imagined you'd ever be so far away.  
You were my brother, And I loved you like no other.  
In my heart you'll always be,  
You'll be my guide and help me see.  
I'll never forget your soothing voice,  
I would take your place if I had a choice.  
But now I have to let you rest, Although without you my world's a mess.  
I miss you with all of my heart,  
I wish we never had to part.  
I know you're always by my side,  
So now I guess this is my goodbye...

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# My Heroine

In you I put my confidence  
Whenever I am weak I lean on you  
Close to you I stay to find peace  
In times of need, I rush to you  
You've been my compass, and a walking stick  
You cared, and you still care for me  
Your advice kept me away from being a freak  
You are my heroine

You cried with me whenever I was crying  
In times of laughter, with me you were laughing  
In cold times, to you I could rush to feel the warmth  
In times of weaknesses, you were my strength  
Your passion to have me feel my stomach  
While yours has been empty for a long time  
Its what makes me feel your sweetness like that of a cake  
In the streets now like sunshine I shine

You raised two boys alone  
A lot of difficulties you faced  
From you I learnt forgiveness and how to become one  
Seeing you crying is what disturbed my mind  
But learning that learning that you were crying for your children  
Is what I could mostly mind  
To you cases were brought  
Committed by you stubborn boys  
But you still could endure through all these

You fetched food for me, with clothes too  
To make sure that I learn, you sent me to school  
You improved my spiritual life  
By forcing me to go to church  
To cleverness I went, from being a fool

I appreciate for your love, care, affection  
For your protection, guidance and counselling  
For helping me endure in times of difficulties  
For helping me succeed in a lot of challenges  
At last I have to thank you for carrying me for nine months

I love you mum b'coz you deserve my love  
Feel my love in your everyday life  
As you enjoy the 'mothers' day'  
Feel that you are my heroine in this world  
Nobody can, and nobody will partake you  
Because its what the Almighty God gave you  
My mama, my walking stick, my compass, my directory  
My map, my everything, my Heroine

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# Real Africans

We give our contribution to the rest of the world  
We offer human qualities that others may not have  
We bring our faith on the future  
When others no longer believe in it  
We believe in life that does not end  
After centuries of slavery  
The faith helps us to survive

In the freed walls of our city  
We shall be the law of the new brotherhood  
And we shall wear life's triumphs  
The colour of equality we shall have  
We are the exact measure of human perfect dignity  
Peace we enforce in each and every activity  
Love is what we love, hate we hate

We rise from the land of Africans  
We run where the drums roll  
As son can be generated  
But you cannot generate a child's heart  
You can drive a horse to a river  
But you cannot make it to drink  
Your advice is welcome, but the judgement is mine

We are fed up with beautiful words  
Even to nausea, with words of sympathy  
The songs you sing, the speeches you speak  
What we want is the facts  
Freeman, for too long you have been trodden under foot  
Speak out for the truth.

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# Source Of Development

Malawi, my country  
In need of development it is  
Is it lacking the source of it? It seems  
Plenty of raw materials for development it has  
Leaders of tomorrow, where are they?  
Nobody is a leader of tomorrow  
Today's leaders, where are they?  
Nobody is a today's leader  
A young person is also a leader.

I am the source of my nation's development  
A young person I am  
Eager to take part in development activities  
Vandalism I call it 'haraam'  
Because it retards development  
Stealing and corruption I hate  
My brain has important ideas, give me a chance  
Let me share them with you  
Because I am also the source of development.

Give out your hands  
Your heart and mind, give it also  
Together we feel the development solo  
With the elders we do it  
Am disabled, but am not unable  
Young man, stay stable  
From developing, we are coming from  
Developed we become with unity  
When a you a youth take part in developing your society  
To the development activities  
You are all welcome.

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# The Confluence Of Reality

At the confluence of reality  
Lover's go their separate ways  
Enemies meet and forget their past days  
Contracts are terminated  
To someone you get dedicated  
One goes, one follows  
You end up lonely in a hollow  
Your cry cannot be heard  
Your tears cannot be seen  
Its when you realise its dead  
How are you going it to life again.

At the confluence of reality  
You'll encounter a lot of successes  
Even though you get dirty  
You'll be given hugs and kisses  
You'll receive what you never asked  
Of dozens you receive roses  
You hear what has not been said  
You smell what doesn't have a smell  
This is because of the reality.

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# The Lost Pillar

My tears are not drying  
My eyes are weary of crying  
My voice has now changed, I can't raise my voice  
My pillars are going  
To whom am I going to lean on  
My grandma went, my uncle also  
It wasn't over  
My eldest mum went, with my brother  
That wasn't the end of shading my tears  
The supporting pole fell  
You are now there my brother  
Did you know that that was your journey?  
I was told you were admitted  
Not that you were preparing for this  
You have gone after spending more than two years without setting my eyes on you  
I expected to see you here or hear that you are back  
Except being told that I should be strong as a man  
Confused my mind was  
Courage gathered to know the meaning of that  
Only to learn that you are gone  
We leaned on you my brother  
You could push us whenever we were tired  
To whom did you leave that spirit?  
Your capability to unite us  
Was that God's plan  
My brother, the gap you have left will never be filled  
Except adding more gaps  
You had your homeland, but being laid in a foreign land  
While tears are still running down on the cheeks  
Crying for you my brother who is gone  
Together we will be in spirit  
Humanly you are gone without any point of return  
May Your Soul Rest In Peace. Amen!

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# What I Need Most

At the confluence of real love  
Lovers share their love  
At the climax of sharing love  
Their relationship is strengthened  
This is real love not temporal.

At the climax of chatting  
Sweet talks arise among lovers  
The falling action is caressing  
Easily the solution is found  
The in and out motion.

No shame is brought  
As the sweetest thing is felt  
More joy arise among them  
To the point of failing to disclose it  
At the end they are left in suspense.

True love never gives up  
No fear among lovers  
Until their numbers multiply  
Many are united  
Celebrating what they won't feel.

Let me have your mouth  
Let me taste your sweetness  
Your beauty, your sweet voice  
Your warm hug and sweet lips  
I can't afford to miss.

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