### **Poetry Series**

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#### **Beast**

I thought I was imagining things that night

I thought I was imagining those sounds

Those sounds of beating

I thought it was just my head playing games

But what I did not know was it was there

Right there those sounds of beating came from behind that very door

But today I saw it all

He with anger all over his face and fetches a belt

He trying to beat me but she trying to defend her does the wrong move

I see him trying to beat her with that belt that was meant for me

Me standing to witness this

Hot tears rolling down my red cheeks

Never had I thought he would do this

But he has shown me the kind of beast he is

Me praying to the lord to keep her strong

As I saw those tears roll down her cheeks my heart burned with anger

Never had I thought it would happen in my house

Little one screaming for her safety

Me, well there was nothing I could do but stand.

#### **Cruel World**

Sitting there looking out of my bedroom window
I sat and thought of this place we call world
This place we can't always feel safe in
Women re being abused children being killed
Others raped and left with nothing left
But a cold and dry heart towards this place we call world
To them life's nothing and the best way out is dying
They took away their dignity and emotions as a person
There's nothing left to live for
In this place in which we have to act as if everything's satisfactory
We have to smile even though our hearts aches with sadness
This place in which we are judged and criticized
With none to comfort or cheer them up
They turn to suicide

#### Fear

My heart and emotions are captured by fear.

My soul is being threatened

The people I thought were my own

Has grassed me because of the covetousness of power

I see my people every day being slaughtered like sheep's

Their tears being wasted like rain

But not even this can't stop this abhorrence

The beautiful country I was born in

Has turned into the pits of hell

The riches that once existed

Has been cobbled up by the whites

Leaving this beautiful place like a dry bone

Seeing my father being beaten up to death

While I stood to eye witness this disgraceful scene

My mother being raped before my very eye

Me being dragged away like a dog on a leash

How all these images have stayed in my system and spirit for so long

Now all men are debris to me

They took away the people I loved

Leaving me alone in this world

#### **Prison**

Oh why, oh why

Why me? A question with unfilled answers

This place is not for me

But being put on trial of something I did not do is worse

That day I stood there on that stand entreating

entreating for my life for the sake of my children

Emotions take over my body and soul

Not knowing if they'd eaten or have been clothed or had a place to keep comfort

kills me more

My life's over

There's nothing left to live for but...

But because of them I have to wipe myself and stand

Now I'm stuck in here for years I can't even come to count