

Poetry Series

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If there is anything within I must be proud of in my lifetime, it is what I have said; what I have written, what I have done, what I believe, and what I have thought people about.

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Poems from my first poetry collection titled "Girl In Hell"; first published 2009

Tho' I do not consider my self much a poet but you say "He writes because he is inspired by anything that he can connect to the divine; his beliefs, his philosophy.

A Kiss From Jove

Running here and there
Scampering for daily bread
Between you and me
Ills eating deep in between
At the theatre the singing birds
Girls dancing like hell and fire
Lust of men and burning desires
Beggars lurking at the banking
gates
Religious hypocrites with genuine
hate
Haramians burning at the
Northern
states
Men in black now watch over the
churches gates.

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A Song Of Wrong

In your eyes
My song is one of wrong
Intruding into your heart
And you laughed and
Laughed and laughed.

.

In your heart, you knew
I could be there,
Cause you brought me here.
And you laughed and
Laughed and laughed.

.

In your soul,
You knew I want you
In my home.
'cause you brought me hope.
And you laughed and
Laughed and laughed.

.

You laughed at my wrong
You laughed at my right
You laughed over
Everything I do.

.

Then, my love I give to you
But you shut your eyes and
Laughed and laughed
And laughed.

.

You laughed at my walk
You laughed at my song.

.

You walked your walk
Into my life of wrong
Knowing all along
You could change me in all.

.

But you shot your heart
To my love

And you walked away from
My heart, and you laughed
And laughed and laughed.

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A Spinster At Mass

She came in dressed
in the robe of a mayoress
Her hair, curly and shiny
Like that of a Roman goddess
She looked round
Her eyes, large and round
Like that of a fancy bulb.
With them she me espied
At a corner, under a deck
of this unnamed Church.
Behold, there's a Pandora
at mass,
As she passed;
Not even the parson
could bypass,
He stood there like a dead
log and stared and stared
Till his eye balls fell
from its sockets
We stared and stared
And still we stood there
and stared
Till our piety fell.

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And I Love Her

I thought
We were equal,
Magdalene and I
With the same years
devoured,
From friends
To best friends,
A common bond
In being closer,
And closer,
And I love her;
From friends
To lovers,
And I love her,
I love her.

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Beautiful Miss (I Miss You)

Beautiful miss of my dreams
You always refuse my love
I want you to be my miss
Cause for you I really miss.
But you treat me bad miss
What do you see
When you look in my eyes
I see love in your eyes
Though I'm scared to stare.
Your eyes so bright
Shines like the rising sun
Gave my life light.
For long, so long
I've been chasing after you
Your love, so hard to find
Your heart, so undefined.
Why do you treat me bad miss?
Remember I came to you
Last night, and talked to you
About love, my love for you
That knows no bounds.
I meant it miss, I meant it when
I said I want you be my miss.

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Call Of The River Nun

Holy beautiful nun, you tax my memory,
Over you boys are flaunting their abilities
To shoulder a social taboo
While some dance in heartfelt joy
For the glory of the Lord hoped to come.

.

And you, with proud regalia of faith
Your hands outstretched to the sky in worship
Of God of your dear religion.

.

You looked down at these boys who
Worship you and wonder how God of this religion
Could bestow such unbeatable beauty
on you alone
And yet not let you be a bride some day.

.

Hey! holy beautiful nun, I love you like the
Host of these young boys
Who hover around you
you like bees to their hive.
And I younger, and my love stronger,
We could go yonder together.
I know the father would be glad to see
us together.

.

So why don't you lay down those regalia
To a new world full of love
Which I will show you.

.

In you have I built my faith, we could live happy
Thru' eternity.

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Can I Forget You

When my final page is turned
And sun don't shine no more
When day and night never come to end
And tears no more will I shed
Can I forget you?
Like froths from morning dew
The sunshine of coming noon
The end of every book
Will I think of you?

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Darling When You'Re Close To Me

Darling, when you're close to me
There is the inevitable smell of balsam
Burning in my in my heart,
Consuming my very being
As you take me thru' dreams
Of my sweetest fantasy
And leaving me finally
Waking up to my painful reality.

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Death Alone

Death alone kills off the warmth
To be or not to be without love.
Death alone has turned the coldest
Of all hearts toward a maker, a God.
Death alone has brought even the mightiest
To knees in agony and mourning.
Death alone, the root of all fears
That encompasses all hearts even the bravest.
Death alone, it is death alone
The bridge that stands between
the shores of life and oblivion
Death alone stands between the love
We have built over time.
Death alone, it is death alone
The bridge that stands between
You and me, it is death alone.

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Death Impending

Death is hanging on a loom
My ship is set sail a quest
No boon, no time for rest
Life leaning on a strife till every noon
Everyday, everywhere stares death
in the eyes
With all dangers of fire, water, and desire
The inevitable certainty of diseases,
For a world as imperfect in nature.

.

And death is hanging on a loom
Waiting every time for the one cut
And there comes the inexplicable
Journey of deaths oblivion

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Dont Leave Without A Kiss

Please don't leave without a kiss;
I want to plant it on your lips.
My arms around your hip;
O' my love can you feel the heat?
Let's talk about our kids;
Just don't be in haste to leave.
Lets fix for us a date;
I promise I won't be late.
Let's build for us a home;
We can have all we could hope.
Let's plan together our future;
My love for you is so pure.
Let me show you a paradise;
I want it to be a surprise.
Forever will I be by your side;
Whatever it takes I'll pay the price.

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Dont Look Far Off

don't look far off, at this time
in rue the world is taking
on its grime
with moral and goodness lost in time
in a world of ghosts,
religion and god
vices of man taking on its toll
a serene world of imagination
where religion lies
angels and god who fly high
in heavenly
but ours of gloom and complexity
I take a look at the serene sky
such a lovely world in my minds eye
a world beyond all mortal mind
that I longed to have a peek some day
the wounds of christ's crucifixion day.

.

on earth you struggle, you toil all day
in heavens god's angels sings antiphony
of his unending praise
the feats of god is beyond bound.
sunday churches queue up all
manner of sinners
lawyers and liars, leaders and looters
robbers and fraudsters
all in name of religion are going higher
as if crucifix and bible is religion
and god.

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Epigone

I am not an epigone
Tho' I read Hesiod's Theogony.

.

I love Ajax the greater,
Tho' I was not named
In Homer's Iliad.

.

I love Dante Alighieri,
If not for his comedy
Why should I tease Jami?

.

How could I forget Taban,
If he is just another Caliban.

.

If I dared ignore Soyinka,
Perhaps today another
man may die.

.

Dear uncle J.P
Yes, you should be a Clark.

.

We need another Agbor
dancer,
To end this drama of ours.

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Everyone Wants Happiness

Everyone wants happiness
But friend do you share
A little kindness

.

I see it in your eyes
Every time you pass me by
The self contentment
Of devilish ill gotten wealth
The painless smile of hell's certainty
A fair share of impending posterity

.

So everyone wants happiness
But friend do you ever care, a little sadness.

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Everything Fades Into Nothing

When your eyes are close for eternity
And you realise your life was only a dream
Everything fades into nothing
As if everything that exists
Are things that never once exist.

.
When you lead a whole life of sin
Chasing always only after vanities
Everything fades into nothing
As if everything that once exists
Are things that never did exist.

.
When you realise your whole life
is but materialistic
Everything fades into nothing
As if everything that exists
Are things that never had exist.

.
Just because everything fades into nothing
And you realise a life without Christ is empty
You begin to drowse into a world full of meaning
Just because God did create you for a reason
Everything begins to fade into something.

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For Esther

How I loved Esther
She is my beautiful eagle
But she doesn't find time
for us to mingle.
Not even on easter.
Everyday I think of her
She is just a heart breaker
She stole away my heart
But I still want Esther.

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For Ruth

Your eyes, like stars of sky
illuminates my darkest of nights
giving light to tartarian gloom
of my heart.

i found you, by the shore
where charon ferries shades,
they fades, to worlds that
is under
where I had hidden my love.

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Girl In Hell

when i heard;
i mean,
when they told me
you were dead,
i did not cry;
i simply went
and died.
and then
i asked lucifer
to bring
me here,
for i knew
you must be
in hell.

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God, Please Give Me A Break

God! please give me a break
Today the world is ruled by hate
If your world was made from love
Why was Lucifer brought upon us..

.

God please give me a name
For long have I wandered in shame
Let the Muses sing for my sake
Till I die and lie in state..

.

Christ please come to our aid
For how long shall we live in pain
Bring paradise to the world you create
As your kingdom, in faith we await

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I Hid My Love

I hid my love
At the shore
Where Kharon
Ferries shades
As they fades
To worlds
That is under
Where I had
Hidden my love.

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I Know What Pain Is

I have been through the janus gate
waited over nights and noons of my gloom
i have sought a peak to my own fate
tho' this way may seem not best to take
but I have waited long in this gloomy room
and beyond the gate my boon have lain in wait.

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I Love Thee

I love thee;
Tho' always you fly free
Above edge of lovers deed.

.

I envy thee;
As true thy height is beyond mine humble reach
So I fantasize thee.

.

And I dream of thee;
Every night as I go to sleep
I praise God for thee.

.

As thy beauty
Defies nature's own comparism
And girls all wish to be thee.

.

I'm proud of thee;
As nothing more hold meaning yet to me
So I die for thee.

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I Will Make You Cry

I will make you cry
In the night, at dawn
Or everyday of your life
I will make you blush
When you fall in love
You see wrong in every song
You look in the mirror
Embed in your own vision
Your love for self only
Like government in human polity
Careless for hungry masses
Lunatics in sunday churches
Religion cum petty trading
But you don't know a thing
Satan will laugh over your folly
Don't you have fleeting desires
In dark you turn from godly messiah
And I will make you cry
In the morning, at night
Or everyday of your life
I will make you mourn
When you'd denied me love.

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If You Know Me

i don't want you
to know me,
if you know me,
you will
not respect me.
i want you
to respect me
like i respect you.

.

i don't want you
to love me
'cause you
don't know me,
if you love me,
i might break
your heart as
someone like you
broke my heart.

.

i don't want you
to come to my house
'cause i don't want
to be a fornicator,
like i was before
i changed my life.

.

these things are
not part of my life,
love and lust
are not my priority,
i want you to see
this reality.

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Lay Your Life In Mine

Lay your life in mine
My love,
Humans we are,
But love brings
Us closer, and closer
Time and age burn away
Beauty and Strength,
But not love; divine love;
Love of a kind.

.
Soul and body have
No bound to lovers
As they fall more and more;
Deeper and deeper in love.

.
Lay your life in mine
My love,
Time and age burn away,
But my love for you remains.

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Men In Chains

Men in chains
In malady of the age,
Bigots in rage
Worshippers lie in state.
Another Church
Bombed last night,
Good God! take them
Out of my sight.
Is this the folly in Religion?
I thought we worship
A one God.
What have those children
Done that you bring
Them to hurt?

.
This morning,
One father murdered
His son for love of money
Imagine!
This mother abandoned
Her child, cause she can't keep him,
Holy Christ!
It takes one like you
To make the devil wise.
You must strike down
The oppressors
Of my people.
For in heart of man
Your love had dwindled.

.
Who said Christ
Did not live Nazareth?
Three days after death
He resurrect.
Up in the Heavenly
He made His throne,
So we could die tomorrow
And have a home.
In His glory, His mercy

We live in hope.

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My Africa Home

My Africa, my home
As I cast back my mind
To days before I left
Before you left me impotent
Before the wars broke
Before thieves and looters
Who parade themselves
As politicians
Took over your affairs
Before morale and hopes
were lost, and both old
And young, left your shores
To 'I dont know where'
When I think of what
This modernisation has
done to you, I weep;
Men, thinking,
and inventing
everyday,
New and more
sophisticated kind of
weapons,
For the destruction of the
Fellow man.
It is almost three decades
now, and I still think of you
Like yesterday.

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My Story

I was born in the year
Of a great depression,
.
My parents were born here
A life made of deprivation,
.
Dave, gave me my name;
By instructions of my mother
.
My mother told me all about
My runaway father,
.
My mother did her best
To bring me up better,
.
My mother told me
I would be a leader
- a speaker
- a fighter,
.
I left my mother' s home
To search for survival,
.
Sam said I have become
A great photographer,
.
I have a craving for the arts
And poems that don't rhyme.

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No Problem Said The Patroit

No problem said the patriot
Today we shall sing a new song
In pulpits men of God
Rants like parrots
Exorcising unseen demons
Using in vain the name of God
It is such shame
Church has gone astray
Pastors more like magicians
Go to Satan for powers
And they are holier than thou
The sick must be healed
Politicians must win
But blessings are not for free
Brother can you pay the fee?

.
But no problem said the patriot
It is now time we sing a new song
I have seen men in politics
Swimming in grimy pit
And they come beckoning to me
Extending dirty hands for a shake
And when I declined in disgust
They said man we are sorry
We shall go now and wash up
We bring to you salvation.

.
But no problem said the patriot
Tomorrow Africa shall sing a new song
Of slavery, suffering, bad leadership
Gone and bygone
Yes, no problem said the patriot.

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Parents Are Not Payable

Listen, dear brothers, sisters,
Look back in nostalgia;
Think about dear mother,
dear father,
The ones who gave life to you
And taught you how to be
a man, a woman too;
Your mother who suckled you
Nine months she bore you
in her womb;
From his own sweat your
father paid for your school
And made sure your belly is
never emptied with food.
Think about them in
everything you do.
For some day you will be
a father, a mother too
And your children will think
of you in everything
they do
They will think of the
troubles you passed through
To help them pull through.
PARENTS can never be repaid
No matter the wealth you
may have attained.
Parents are not payable,
You just have to make them
comfortable,
And that would be enough
for their troubles.

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Please Let Me Get What I Want

PLEASE

Let me get what I want
I thought I gave you what
You asked.
How long will you go on
Living in my heart,
If you won't even let me
into yours?

.

My love is like the river that flows,
And flows, to endless worlds,
It never dries up,
My love is like the birds in sky,
As tender and sweet
Like the songs they make.

.

PLEASE

Let me get what I want my love
By now you should know
What I want.
I thought I told you I was in love.

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Please Send Me Someone To Love

Please send me someone to love;
I have searched all around the world
For a love to call my own
Yet love seem so far from my home
As I walk through the darkest nights
Wondering will I ever find the light
There are times and times
I sit and pondered my life
Life is so fraught with strife.
But please send me someone to love
I have waited here for so long
And if that be too much
For my thoughts
I shall sing yet another song;
Of God, His son; Christ, and love
Of angels with mind that are evil
Falling long ago from Heaven

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Police Is Your Friend

The police is your friend,
They will tell you in Nigeria
Though they never spare the naira
When you are caught in their lair.

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She Decides To Die

She decides to die
Every time she closed her eyes
She stared death in the eyes
So she decides to die
As she walks on the lagoon slime
Everywhere she goes is grime
And she can't get a life
Lest she puts on a fight
And she decides to die
As she can't kill the time
Everyday in life is strife
Her world as empty as the sky
So she decides to die
When she realised she can't
win the fight
She decides to die
But I missed the way she smiled
How she walked and stride
I once felt she loved me inside
Yet she decides to die
She decides to die.

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Silent Girl

Silent girl of the river goddess
Why do you speak not of our love
Why did you give not our love a try
For in you I rediscovered my name
My name that was burning like
Wild fire in the harmattan
You are all in my dreams;
My wish, my never ending stream
My life with you, like dream of reality
When will you speak yet of our love
In my heart I hear the
Silent tone of your song;
Enchanting, sunrise of my world.
And when our death comes
I will go with you to somewhere
Anywhere, and your fate shall
Also be mine.
My aspirations are long lost in the
Shadow of your frame
And you are all I need to
Achieve my aim.
For you, silent girl of the water
goddess
Will I sacrifice my all
To be with you in your kingdom
Of nowhere.

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Since You Left

My dear, since you left
Rain of tears have been
Falling down my eyes.

.

My dear, when you left
My eyes have known no smile,
You took all with you
When you left.

.

My dear, what would I do
If not for your beautiful smile.

.

My dear, since you left
This cold has become
My best friend,
Without You to hold?

.

Since you left, my dear
Since you left.
My life knew no other you.
I love you my dear,
I love you.

.

Would you come back now
And stay as close to my heart
Like you were,
Before you left.

.

Now you know I love you
My dear, I love you.

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Singing Love

Singing for love;
Every time you look up
Birds chirping in love's delight
Is made for your own design
I love you, you love me
And love for a world
Spinning like a hell's tide
Like the woman, pregnant
Who just let out the child
Unbountiful joy reeling in the mind

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The Prostitute

At night she hawks;
Her pride hidden
Between her thighs.
And I desire her.

.

At corners of
red-light districts;
Her comrades,
together with her,
Flaunting their wares,
Caught my eyes.
And I desire her.

.

Till dawn, she
Does her trade,
Giving to every me,
Ready to buy,
The forbidden fruit,

.

And I desire her,
I desire her.

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There Was A Moment

There was a moment in my life
That I saw a light
Like beam from a star
falling down
You took my hand and led me
Thru' thorn of a journey, my fairyland
At that moment I knew your smile
Like fantasy of my desires
I saw you searching for
the inner me
Hidden deep beneath the shores
of the limbo
Your eyes haunting everywhere I go
For in that desolate place
Where only pure hearted deads' go to stay
Have I hidden my love, my pains.
In the dark of my heart
My fate as bleak as the coal
There was nothing left to hope
Just me, my fantasy and dream.
But there, when I recall this moment
of my life
With nothing left in my world
Emptied with me, you only and love
God's light is falling down thru' eternity.

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Think About It

Think about it
About you, about me
About everything
You were born to meet
Think about love
About God, of religion
Think about wealth, of money
And frivolities.

.

Just think about history
Of you, and me
Playing by the sea
Think about day, and night
When we meet
For the first time
Was love at first sight
Dont you remember
How we loved forever.

.

Now think about church
Of pastors
Whose love only for money
Think about government
In human polity
Who careless for hungry masses
Think about men, of politics
And empty promises.

.

Did you think about false prophets
On the island
How they cursed for the naira
Think about Nigeria
Of Jonathan, and Boko Haram.

.

Just think about kids
Who were stolen
And their freedom taken
Did you ever ask why
Thy curse, and weep

Just to be free
Do you often think about nemesis,
Of community, and togetherness
So you think of diseases, of good health.
And blessings,
The virtue of patience.

.

Did you think about poets
Whose wealth only of words
Endearing for years
Think about philosophy
Of Greeks, and mythology
Beliefs defying normalcy.

.

Will you think about Romans,
Of romance, when you give
Someone your heart
So you think about hell,
Of heaven, lucifer and angels
Think about begining
How you came from nothing
For I already know these things.

.

So you think, think about it..

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This Is Your Life

This is your life
Your life in my life,
So sweet
I do not think of you,
I dream of you
In my dreams, so real
I just close my eyes
and be with you.
And my love for you
So true, I cant fall
In love anymore.

.

This is your life,
Your life in my life
An uncommon bond
Of divine.

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Time

Long ago when all was nothing but void
There exists time over untold centuries
Ancestors, beliefs defying normalcy
When from void was born love.

.

Modern man who sit in ponder to call a myth
With too many religions intending deceit
Love of a perfect God eluding understanding
Time to be born, time to die, time forever lives.

.

On many a day in thought have I lost my time
All is made to die that lives
Will I get a second time at life
To be all that is good, all that is right.

.

In vain your efforts wasted
In strife to see beyond all that is ahead
Must I cry for a thousand years
To shoulder falling tears of mine.

.

Must I run a thousand miles
To out-run fast pacing hatred in heart of man
Must I kill the God in my heart
To join in the train of satan's company.

.

But now and then I hear a voice ponder in mind
And he said 'Think'
Because you have broken my law
Because you that is man stand on all that is wrong.

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To My Academic Friends

To my academic friends
Who left with me,
.
They walk in the wells,
-in the rigs
-they sings
They control wealth;
But they forget young poets
.
Like me.

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Under Saturn

Do not curse this day
I have become bearded
Still not yet a sage
As some would say
He sits on the grime
of the age
and repose
all endearment
to enlightenment.
I have also come to a stage
Where I would resign to fate
And kill all doubt on divine.
A God of the age
Jews call Him Jehovah
And Islamists would say Allah,
May His name be praised.
To achieve these feats
Which religion preach
Not all could defeat doubt
That has eaten up my heart.
Still in search for truth,
How a world as this
came through.
Scholars call it philosophy
Agnostics would not say of it
And atheists need get more education
As they recline on the divinity
of a higher God.
Under Saturn came an age
Devoid of strife and pain
Greek later gods ruled in rage
With all human attributes
Of weaknesses.
They were placed on Olympuses,
And Zeus sat up there as a god
With every human faults,
Who could judge his wrongs
As he lived to satisfy his own
sexual lust.

Over my decades of sojourn
in this age,
I have discovered philosophy
Holds a remedy to the malady
of the age
That man have come to loathe
and hate.
In search for truth
Man could sit and think thru'
That the true God is but a
polysemic name,
An embodiment of a higher love
That has so eluded this age
And the inhabitants of
His world.

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Water Maiden

O' water maiden!
Nobly born of the sea
In your world
Nothing is used agaist thee
And my song you do not heed
Your world is imagination
in my dream.
O' wound me sea maiden
Is my song to thee
In your world
Nothing is used against thee
But my song shall be weapon to thee
In your realm, my imagination,
will I be
For you are sea maiden
My imagination in my dream
In your world
Nothing is used against thee
But in your realm
My song will be weapon
to thee.

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We Should Live In Allah's Sight

At the hour of dim night light
The gloom of a lacking father, of mother
And children reeling in hunger, and anger
The clarion call of pious worshippers
Vividly heard also from the background
May we live in Allah's sight;
His world and love always tickles
In my mind, confound.
Outside the banking gates, beggars
Lurk around
Begging always for the helping hand.
The woman with disease, bedridden in pains
With only hope to die sooner than tomorrow.
Its a world of love, religion and God
We live in His sight, and mercy
His kingdom and world is without ending
But ours come and go like weather
Every night, in sleep, I ponder
Will it ever get better?

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White Queen

So would I, to blood once again
So would I
To my white queen
The stars have departed
From her eyes
So would I
Sail to my black land once again
To my brothers who must
root again
With black blood rejuvenating
the ecstasy of a child
Old and young, washed with the tide
No, not my queen
With star spume beaming in her eyes
With blood, black and white
In fits of rage
To where dreams lie within dreams.
It is Africa, home of plenty.
Take me to the fields
Where brothers have marched in deceit
O' Africa, your banner of love is hoised
Not again my love will I hurt
For she is gone, my white queen
And my song I sing anew
To my brother, my sister in past rue.
We have come to the field
To cultivate this field green
The field within our dreams
Africa's dream.

Benjamin Age

Wonderful Woman

Wonderful woman
I just can't but wonder
How much I've come
to love her.
It is all a marvel
My life in a rubble
Love brings pain in double
Sold mine in the struggle.
A kiss from a sinner
Could change my life for better
Now I am getting older
And I know I am getting better
For your love I have hungered
Give me thy love dear Pandora
You're such a wonderful woman
I still can't but wonder
How much you've made me a sinner.

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Wonderful woman
Kiss me and take me to yonder
And yet I still wonder
Your love had made me a better man
Thank you for that;
You're such a wonderful woman.

Benjamin Age

You Laughed And Laughed And Laughed

I told you I was in love,
But you laughed and
Laughed and laughed.

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I gave you my love,
But you did not give me yours,
Instead, you kept mine, and
Gave yours to another.

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You laughed at my song,
You laughed at my walk,
Then I danced my magic dance
to the rhythm of the talking
drums pleading.

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But you shut your eyes, and laughed
And laughed and laughed.

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