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An Elegy To My Dad

Oh with drops of tears rolling down my eyes When someone sow and reaping is not allowed My cry sounding up to the sky On my knees with respect, I bow

"Such is life" isn't always a good sentence For it may entirely ruin a life Imagine the torture like you were serving a life sentence Its cut through my mind each time like a sharp knife

You lived a good life as you could Hoping the death could ever show mercy Avoiding most life pleasure that you should Investing all time in your children and showering mercy

We needed you more than we understand Most of your child yet not say "I do" Who will be the grey hair to stand Behind us if not a legend like you?

My ink bow in writing Praying you have a peaceful rest In our mind you live forever While I tender you these lines

Be My Love

Will you ever be my lover? I'm just a simple straight boy I play nothing undercover Promise all thing except nothing

With the hope that is in me If all they tell me is true Paradise is where we ought to be And no stress we'll pass through

I put it up in you all my love You hold me with all thyself With no work in the wharf We swim all day loving ourselves

Allow me give it all to you Putting you up for the world to see The things that a love can do Dining both on land and in the sea

All wants and needs will be yours Both home and in sojourn No time shall you knock on the doors All ways are open with your hand

You promise to keep me high Even with the little I have Keep your promise so it won't be lie 'Cause my trust I sold to you

Lacking Courage

Still in my world My world of segregation Thinking aloud Without my knowledge Saying I'm so separated From the world of others

Here a crippled man Sitting besides me Just murmur out some words Saying if he had what i have The world would have been his

But here I am With all it takes physically Talking nonsense to his ears Lamenting for my inability To do what I can Just lacking courage

I left with tears Rolling down my cheeks For my inability To recognise me But someone out there Knows me than I do

Am I a cow? That knows it Tail validity When it loses it?

Me In Your Eyes

Seeing me in your eyes I reach the highest of all Myself will be in the sky Flying with the angels

I will always want to wonder How such power have you Giving the lightening without thunder So I can fly with a shine of light

Your power of changing a total me Never allow me want to leave you For a sensible man will always be Close by your side to feel all these

You've turn me into a stubborn child Not obeying my parents' command Using the smile that looks so mild Intoxicating my inner soul

I went on to read the bad books In mind hoping to see your written name That you are a girl with invisible hooks Who can catch the soul of men without notice

Not at all did I see you So I've made up my little mind To hand over myself to you Play safe with it and let me feel

All they say will be in vain Cos I can't stop flying with angels Who wanna go back to pain? When my head is still on my shoulder

Old Age Not A Pride

Some are proud to be older than me When I'm not proud to be someone's elder Everyday young is what I plead God to be Cos I don't want to be a history in years later

You're getting old and approaching your death A phenomenon I wish can be erased It only sends you to that lonely depth In the memory of your friends, you're erased

Though it's a road everyone must ply The old wish they can once again be young Knowing death always makes the mouth cry With tears that may be with love ones for long

I write as if forgetting the unplanned end A moment when things don't work as it should When buckets are kicked by the young with no amend My ink tries to avoid it as far as it could

I never want to grow old with having nothing A reason that makes me forget my birthday All my desires are still labelled longing Hoping someday they will come my way

By force is how I'm accepting it When my facial structure attempt a change Then I have to fight for here is it Making sure I leave a remembering change

Planning First

Waking up in the morning I see the bright new day Yesterday plans on my mind Cos I need not let myself astray

To meet up with my daily plans Here I have to walk away Leaving other things behind Pretending as if I won't dare

My ignorance I take as a bliss Feeling sorry for all my mistake Lack of knowledge might have cause it All the punishment you give, I'll take

Please temper justice with mercy All my works is to build our future So we can smile then till eternity Leaving behind all the rules of nature

No one else can share in my love for you Not even my work can distract me Ignoring you just to build our paradise So then we can go there to be

The Dog And The Cat

I saw the dog and the cat Both sitting gently on the mat Hearing the cat miaowing I know its happening Maybe there must have been a spat

Coming out of the house with my hat I saw the dog lying flat on the mat Struggling to make a run When the cat has no gun But the dog is bigger in terms of fat

Then I realise strength is not how big Because the cat might have given a kick Right on the dog's back We saw it as a pat Which makes the dog want to take a leak

Then I throw my hat on the cat While the dog run and keeps the bark That was just a wonder That makes me to ponder Then I conclude, the cat is a brat

The Palm Wine

I like the palm wine Because it makes me wine With just a little of it All my sorrows I forget it

It is gotten from a palm wine tree A tree that resembles the oil palm tree I wonder why its name should have a palm Maybe because its from the family of palm

Drinking it makes on calm As if one robs a balm Always listening to others Even to the younger brothers

You fool them by your calmness to be a good boy Not knowing the palm wine is making you to coy Always listening and not speaking But all insults, you are remembering

Please do not take much of a sip Because its can make you go unzip Its not a poem that I am writing But an experience that I am sharing