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The War At My Door

War at my Door 18 April 2023, Cairo

I did never think of war
To knock at my door
Like a hated visitor, coming from the dark
With an open mouth like a shark

I did never think of death Stealthily creeping through the wall To snatch the soul of the girl With hell With a shell, Aimlessly came from the blue With no warning clue Then went into the flesh like a nail It hit the girl Right down on the head To send her dead And the mother too, broke With a stroke Sending her last words It was a curse 'Oh my God, Curse on them' The hell is breading in the streets of my town Everything is coming down

The war did really start
And things began to fall apart
Trucks hovering the roads
Planes oozing in the skies
Machine guns and smoke in the eyes
Soldiers sending terrible cries
Snipers on the roofs
Skillfully doing their dirty jobs
Killing all the hopes
Hopes of the People,
Of the trees,

Of the dogs And hopes of the rocks Who were all terrified, did not know where to go To save their souls As planes still sent the bombs At their houses and break walls, Destroying the last glimpse of hope The soldiers were rapping the streets with killing machines Roaming from place to place claiming a victory In my beloved country A deserted cemetery went into sand And longer that peaceful piece of land Oh my Lord, I did never think of war To knock at my door Harvesting the souls of my innocent people in their innocent country

The Freedom March

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I t was a normal day For a normal boy To feel that joy

As he was planning to cross the bridge
To join the freedom march
And because he was only a little lad
He did not think to tell his mother or his dad

So he put on his most beautiful suit And polished his boot

Then he set away
On his way
To start the freedom journey
By joining the march
In the middle of March

Still it was a normal day
For a normal boy
To see the soldiers
Heavy with guns
gave the orders
In the streets of his town

Armed with a small flag At school gates With his mates

He was about to shout
To let THEM out
But at the moment,
The sniper sent a shot
on the spot
To hit the boy
And terminate his joy

He hit him right down on the head And got him dead He deprived the boy to march In the middle of March

Return To Spy On Your Facebook

Return to spy on your Facebook Then I've returned once again, I return To spy on your Facebook Still, the same beautiful look The lips fresh full of joy A pleasure to enjoy, the return, once again Then the surprise The same slimness of the size And the same bright eyes Full of beautiful lies By the way, I know I really know when you bite the lower lip And twist your mouth to make a lie But that did never escape my eye But the age, what the age? You still twenty-two Although an age had gone
And wall has grown between me and you Fifteen years ago we celebrated your twenty- two And still twenty-two You have must have bargained with time Of course, lady, this is no crime But I still try to build a siege Round your cage Despite the time And in spite of my age

The Lord And The Sword

The Lord and the Sword

The Imam of the Ansar Abdurahman Almahdi was a member of a delegation who visited Britain to congratulate the victory of the British Empire in War World 1. The Imam wanted to show loyalty to King George V by presenting the symbolic Sword of the Imam Almahdi with which he had defeated the ancestors of George and drove them from the Sudan. But George politely and cunningly refused the present and asked the Imam to go back to defend the Empire with the same sword that had driven them away from the country.

The Imam said:

Your Royal Highness King George of the British Empire, The King of everywhere On the earth Or underneath Greetings to your highness wreath

Let me my Lord, me your obedient Servant Abdurrahman Almahadi from Sudan To declare in your Stately Palace My absolute gratitude and happiness For the victory you have made on your enemies I am here my Lord, to congratulate you And show loyalty and humbleness Under the eve witness Of the whole world That, I - with my whole physical sober mind With my eyes fully opened, not shut or blind And as decedent of the Great Mahdi To kneel down And kiss your royal Crown Then offer you the Mahdi's Sword As a token of royalty And punishment cord In your hands, King George, My Lord Then the King polity and cunningly thanked the guy And said with joy Spare the sword to defend the empire From enemies in the Sudan or else where

God bless you Abudarahaman

The of Imam Sudan

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A Farewell To Arms

Dedicated to the Demonstrators of December 30 2021 condemning the Military Coup d'état of General Burhan on 25 October 2021

To soldiers!
All soldiers!!
With different Ranks or Orders ...
Put down the guns and go away
With no more say
Step down and leave the town
And see how your work was badly done?
When you used the gun!!

You are not to blame but ME,
As we have equipped you with machines
Kalashnikovs, tanks and planes
And even submarines
And we gave you the best training to kill the enemy
But instead; you turn to kill only me
In cold blood with our own guns
And then you make the run
Is killing just a game or a piece of fun?

Soldiers ...

It is high time that you have gone
And left the stage for someone
To cultivate the seeds of happiness in ours sand
And take care of the people and the land

Our expectations were so high
That our soldiers were able to defend our land
Our seas and our sky
That our soldiers could die!!!
For good reasons as martyrs
And they could face all the fires
With bare chest for the sake of the country
And change the course of all history

But they used all the machines to kill their nation Who afforded their higher Education In the military college
To gain skills and gain the knowledge
To build the nation and pave the passage
But the savage,
Only learned to make the damage
And kill Sudanese
In the town and the village

Soldiers you only understand the language of orders

SO,

PUT

DOWN

THE

GUNS

AND

GO

And to be sure and true

We won't be sorry to miss any ONE of YOU

As we no longer want to see your dirty face

We have begun the race

So (plz) quit and leave the place

Soldiers...

You only understand the language of orders So it is high time to quit to the barracks Or to the boarders We pay a farewell to the ARM To welcome FREEDOM, JUSTICE and SALAM

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No!!

NO!! No|! Just an (N) and an (O) No and still NO Hot as fire or cold as snow It will stay That way And you know Why it is a no So... It will remain unveiled A story that will never be told Or retold Until over-aged and old It will remain that secret, Among the three You, me and the tree.

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Oxygen For George Floyd

Floyd under the cop's knees

Pleaded twelve times,

Twelve times to breathe

He asked for the cheap air

But the cop was unfair

As he denied him the oxygen

The free gift of the Lord

And continued to press on the spinal cord

And beneath, Floyd could not afford

His soul began to leak from the body

Slowly leaking from the body

And gasping for the last breath,

He saw his creeping death

He was forced to the ground

Uttering a fading sound

But the cop continued to press on his neck

While another cop by the side

Showing all the pride

In his official American suit

ont Uniter com Marching up and down in his heavy boot

Playing with his gun on his waist,

Ready to shoot

Under the witness of the whole American nation

The man lost his soul

For no good reason

But for the blackness of his face

That was all the case

Oh. My Lord. Bless all of us

And bless the black human race

It is a pity to lose your soul

For mere pigmentation

Under the eye of the laws

of the biggest nation

Masters of the earth!!

So Floyd who was an athlete,

And who was smart, friendly and tall

Lost his soul

Because of the color of his face

And because of the color of your face

Here you will lose your case
And because of the color of your eye
Here you may simply die
For mere bad reason,
Not for real treason
But of the fear of the lack of air
You may run short of breath
And face your death

Message To A Sniper. Translation

By. Dr.Ahmed Gumma Siddig. Translated by: Ahmed Altayif

Why do you disguise in
That disgraceful mask
Hiding in the rooftop
To do your hateful task
And carry out your dirty job
Why don't you come down?
And shoot me on the ground
In the muddy streets of the town
Come down

Then your shot will go straight to the right place to my head or my face Or you can aim your gun to my chest And report your boss with the case!! Then take some rest For another round But just come down to the ground

You may have another choice
Where you can raise your gun and your voice
When you come down,
We will meet me face to face
Then you can send your gunshot into my eye
To make me die
But on the muddy streets of my town
So please come down

You can aim at my head come down to the ground and shoot And tread on my feet with your boot And I will not run But will kiss the mouth of your gun And we can play the game of cat and rat I will never run or give you my back Then you will never miss my track To kill me with cold blood

Sniper!!

I am so fond of your high skill
The way you shoot and kill
How can you aim at my very head
from such a distance?
And make your shot rest
between my eyes or in my chest?

Do you have any idea about the guys
You put your shot between their eyes?
Do you know their names?
Have you ever played with them any games?
Have you ever been acquainted with them
Do you know your victims
That you shoot from that place?
Or you just guess!!
Then trigger and press
Your gun and randomly kill anyone,
Then you report the " mission is done"

I am really fond of your high taste of selection
Killing doctors at a time or terminating teachers
Are they human beings or they are mere creatures?
Those who you pick out their souls
With a five-pounds bullet of ammunition
Do you have any idea of their education?
Where they went to college
To study science and gain the knowledge
In teaching or medicine
Some treat your kids,
others help them learn and read
And move from stage to stage
And develop through the age

Sniper!!

I know how you have been trained
To use the Kalashnikov
Or shoot with the Molotov
But we know of Pavlov
His theory of Classical Conditioning
Through which you have been trained
Like a dog to bite or kill
In cold blood but with high skill

We know how you have been conditioned
Not to say YES or NO
Because you don't know
But trained to shoot between the eyes
And make a laugh of victory as the man dies
But you are not aware of the curse
That is sent at your face
And despite your gun
He remains the winner of the race

The Speech Of Mohammed Nagii Al-Assusm, The Mirabeau Of The Sudanese Revolution

Signing ceremony of documents for the transitional period ?August 17 2019

Your speech flared up the hall
And made the audience call
Your name with good blessings
Your speech came out to reach every heart
It was a masterpiece of art
That touched every part

It made life dance with joy
Of the little girl and the boy
Your words pierced through the body
Addressing every single hair
Reaching everywhere
To make pleasure through the flesh of our nails
With details

They traveled in the pore of the skin
With no permission
Penetrated through the vein
Then came down as drops of rain
Into the brain of the nation

Then injected happiness in the marrow To make us enjoy the life of today And the pleasure of tomorrow And forget all about the sorrows

Your words leaked through the air Soothing, musical and fair Moving the feelings And made the healing Of long sickness With pleasure and happiness

Your speech came into our ears Like spears to get rid of our fears They opened the gate
And emancipated the nation from the fatal fate
To enjoy with full rate
And go the new journey with joy
Equipped with dreams and screams of pleasure

Your words draw us back from the lost history
They restored our dignity
Into the soul of our country
And brought our soil the lost fertility

So we can dig the earth once again And seed the land With hopes in every piece of sand

Sir, we have got your message That paved the passage To this new generation To build up the future of the nation

The One Thousand Miles Journey Begins Today

This poem is dedicated to Omer Adegair - shedding tears of (happiness and sadness) . This poem is dedicated to the young Sudanese generation who made the change with bare hands in their peaceful uprising of December 2018*

Let's begin the march The one thousand miles today And pave the way To build the new Soodan And draw the name of this country In the book of the human history Let us begin the march Let's begin with a wide stride With full pride And ride the one thousand miles Over deserts and across the Nile To freedom, justice and peace And draw on the happy faces millions of smiles Let us begin the march Let's celebrate the birth of new generations Equipped with better education To be the best of all the nations Let's begin the dreams of freedom, justice and peace Let's begin the race Let us begin the march And we have done We have started the run And it was no surprise We made it and won the prize

We made it and won the prize
We went the one thousand miles distance
To freedom with resistance
Hand in hand as twins
We have crossed and made the wins
The one thousand miles begins today
With high dreams we go the long way
Together we build schools for children
Where they can study and learn
And spend some of the day
Drawing animals and trees
And play games in peace

And rejoice With loud voices Pleased with their toys And full with joys Then we build roads from the north to the east From the south to the west So the farmer can happily go to sell his goods And because he is the one who provides the foods, We will thank him for his work With a dispensary to cure his family And care for his newborn in the new Soodan Where every child, woman or man Can practice happiness with no fear In a free democratic atmosphere And we all aspire for prosperity With dignity Among the nations of the world With pride and integrity With unity and solidarity To achieve the big dreams in a new country

*Omar Adegair is the President of the Sudanese Congress Party, who shed tears of happiness and sadness when he was assigned to read the speech of the Civilian Negotiators with the Military Junta at the event of coming to an agreement about the Constitutional Declaration in Khartoum on August 4 2019

Killing The Schoolboy

Dedicated to the lost souls of the schoolboys and schoolgirls of El-Obied Massacre in Kordofan July 29,2019

He was only a schoolboy, On his way to school He was thirteen, slim and tall

Unaware of the world around him About to start his school day at a gym As he was good at athletics Excellent in physics and mathematics

And because he was a normal boy His life was always full of joy With his books all the day and games And sometimes changes his toys With other boys

But he did never destroy or annoy
Or he did never disturb a man or a woman's joy
And because he was a normal boy
He used to enjoy life with high dreams
Surrounded with a pool of good friends

And because he was a boy
A normal boy
He spends a lot of time reading books
Watching films, especially Tom and Jerry
But keen to do his assignments on time
Then he will hurry,
To sneak on his Web Pages
On the Facebook and Instagram
Sending photos of birds and animals
As he dreams one day to be a vet

Then after that he will text his classmates
To make a date
For a tournament in the evening
At the school league

He was only a boy, thirteen years old!!
But smart and bold
But on that day
He was on his way,
To school
Only armed with some pencils,
Some textbooks
And a ruler of 12 inches and a football

His school bag on his shoulder
He did never talk to or hurt a soldier
Nevertheless,
The sniper shot him from above the roof
Why for?
What for?
What did he want to prove?

Why did he kill him in cold blood?

Because the boy had asked for a loaf of bread...

Was it a good reason to shoot him dead?

With a bullet on the back of his head?

That was exactly what the sniper skillfully did He shot him dead on the head Then the boy came down to the ground And his face kissed the sand of his land The golden sand of Shykan in Kordofan Where history began in Sudan

He was only a boy!!
But the sniper shot him down
He gave him no time
To defend himself
Or know his crime
He gave him no time
To say his prayers
Or pay a farewell to his Mom and friends
Or say a goodbye

His soul soon went to sky Although he did never shout against the soldiers And he did never break their orders
He only asked for food
And a cup of water for the day
To finish his school and run away
Back home
Where he would sit down in his simple room
Read his books and do his homework
As soon as possible
To join his schoolmate
At the school gate
To play an evening football match

But he did not think of the fate That a sniper would shoot him On the back of his head And make him dead

But still

Who taught you to (shoot to kill?) ***

And still

Why did you kill the schoolboy?

What was his crime?

Because......

Because......

Because......

Because......

in fact there was no cause

But, ah because, the boy was too smart,

Slim and tall!!

And he was very good at football!!

And because he was adored by his friends too much

And because, because he used to love the school

*** A famous quotation for the famous Sudanese politician, Ali Othman Mohammed Taha giving permission for the army to shoot and kill any citizen crossing borders and carrying food to South Sudan.

Forty-One Kandakas *

I hail them the Forty-One women

Who trod on the lion's den

Forty-One, women

With bare hands, with no guns

They had gone

To defy the slayers

They did and made them run

With only bare hands without guns

Forty-One women

Went into the General's yard

In spite of his quard

And despite his soldiers

They defied his orders

With only bare hands

Then proudly went to prison

Not for treason, NAY

But for very good reason

Oh, that was a good Day

When they raised the voice for freedom

And waved the flag of their country

To celebrate their victory

With only bare hands

They came from different walks of life

Husbands & wives

Farmers & workers

Students & Teachers

Sisters & brothers

Sons & daughters

Fathers & Mothers

Lovers & Lovers

Together they marched

Shoulder to shoulder

To break the orders

And defy the soldiers

With only bare hands

They came from all over the land

Hand in hand

To toil the soil of our sand

And plant the seeds of freedom

for a better life With bare hands

They came from the North and from the West

They came from the South and from the East

Full with hope and courage

To make the change for a better Sudan

From Halfa to Omdurman

from Nyala to Port Sudan

On bare feet

To make the change with only bare hands

Kandaka let me hail your great courage

You have marched towards freedom

With aspiration to build the nation

Equipped with knowledge

We celebrate your marriage

With the Henna on your feet

on your bare hands

A crown for your courage

So let me praise your strife

To save our honour, to save our lives

Let me praise the Forty-One women

And let the world glorify

The great job they have done

The Forty-One

With only bare hands

So hail the Kandaka from Halfa to Omdurman

From Nvala to Port Sudan

Who made the change with bare hands

To defy the soldiers

And break the orders

In our new Soudan

Message To A Sudanese General

A message to General Burhan - against coup d'etat of 25-10-2022

General, I am very fond of those stripes on your chest and shoulder, with different size

I am fond of the stars that brightly shining And the sword by your side proudly dangling

I am fond of the bird with golden wings The eagles on your shoulder Flying versus winds And your fingers full with things Are they the King Solomon's Rings?

I am fond of your chest
Full with rainbow colours
Medals with different sizes and shapes
That you hold
Medals of silver and gold
Shinning in the sun form your military suit
Some were new and some were old

In fact, general,
I am also very much fond of your boot
That beautifully fits in your beautiful foot
Newly brushed and to be fair
It is always shining in the air
And making a fearful rhythm
When you tread the floor
With your mighty power

General, I love your entire look Arrogant and tall in features Smart and slim in all your pictures

I am fond of the way you instruct your soldiers
To carry out your orders
But I really tremble with fear
When I hear

Your voice raised too harsh
To make your soldiers make the march

And although it is so tough and harsh,
They keep lines straightforward and march
Active and attractive when they walk
Though they are not allowed to talk
They just walk
As proud as the peacocks

General. I am fond of those embellishments on your shoulders But I always ask how you got all of that stuff? Is it through giving orders? To your soldiers? To aim their guns and shoot at the enemy? This is what people understand including ME!!

It is natural that all Generals
Give instructions to defend their nations
And keep borders safer from invasions

This is what I understand that you stay Awake during the whole night With your gun in your hand ready to fight

With your eyes open against intruders or spies Who may tread on our land or cross the skies Then you shoot them and bring them down To make safer all our towns

My General, I understand that you took an oath To defend the Sudanese people All Sudanese In the seas In the air On the land Or under the sand

General you took the oath

To defend the honor of the Sudanese country
With all means, planes
With tanks, machine guns or with infantry

Then when you win the war and come back Defeating the enemy and making victory We all feel proud of you And put you name in the book of history

Then we reward you with medals of gold and silver Stripes on your chest and your shoulders
As well as rings in your beautiful fingers
Because you defended the people and the land
And because of victory
We hail your bravery
To become the hero of the county
So it is our dowry

This is what I understand about
The Generals' work here or out
To defend the people and the land
And toil with blood all the sand

But I do not understand your role in Sudan My country,
Your country,
Their country
Our country
For years but centuries

Although you still look like all Generals of the world
Gentle and handsome in your military suit
And full with pride from head to foot
But my questions now how did you get all of that stuff?
Including your shining boot??
How did you get all those medals on your chest?
Because you defeated our enemy at the borders?
Because you carried out all the orders?
And brought back Halaib and Shlatin?
Brought back our dignity
Or because of killing your people in your own country
In the Military Square?
And Other Places Somewhere?

And this what you have practically done

Killed your people in the Sudan with their own guns Eliminated millions of souls Shooting them or hitting their heads on the walls

In the South and in the West
And destroyed the land and the people
In the North and in the East.
With other millions been displaced
In the four corners of the world.

General, we have bought and brought all those machines We have paid for your training in our best military college To be equipped with skills and the best of knowledge To defend the people and the land This is what we all understand

And we have sent some of you
To the best military schools abroad
To Sand Hurst in UK,
And West Point in the USA

Then some to Russia
To fly the Sukhoi and the Antonov
And skillfully use the Kalashnikov
And steer warships in the seas
To disperse our enemies

General, your training was well done
To get the best education
But you have achieved none
To defend the nation

So instead of killing the enemy
You killed your own people, in cold blood
You shoot them like dogs in the streets of Khartoum
Where your tanks and men did they roam
Day and night and devastated the city
With endless atrocity

And then you proudly come to tell us the story

And speak about your victory

And celebrate the Sudanese soldiers' bravery!!!!!

General, you're always proud

That you have fought bravely all over the world

And all around

You always keep saying that:
'We fought the German in the Desert and won'
But I say that was not our war!!

'We fought in Mexico and won'
But I say that was not our war

'We defeated the Italian in Karan' But I say that was not our war

'We fought in Kuwait'
'We had been to the Congo some years ago'
But all were not our wars

'We had been to Jordan and Lebanon'
But I say that was not our war

'Now we fought the Shia'a in the Yemen' But I say that was not our war

'We fought for the Aqsa Mosque'
Yes the work was well done
But thankfulness for the job was none

You fought with the Egyptian in Saini But this work they forget or deny

All you did was not our war
All was not our war
It was only a waste of our men
Loss of dignity and much more

You General have lost your men And we have lost our pride Our honour and dignity And lost identity General,
We have lost twice
We have lost thrice
For no good price
For no good reason
IT was all treason

Do you know who you killed yesterday?
That was Doctor Babkir
A young lad with a degree from (U of K) Medical School
And Master's degree from Liverpool
Then a Ph.D from Cambridge
Where he gained the best of knowledge
Exerted efforts in medicine all his age
He did well and got his degree
And came back to Sudan to live happy and free

He was back to Sudan with great wealth
To take care of our people's health
But you got him terminated
When he raised his voice for freedom
A sniper shot him down to death
And stopped his breath
With a five-pound bullet at his head
He brought him dead

With a shot between the eyes Who cares for his mother's cries? Who cares for his sister's cries?

But we all do, General
We all do to get revenge
We will be fair and never forget
Because we care and we will avenge

So general, it is high time to step down From the back of my town Spare your machines for the enemy Not for your people in the Sudan

Take away your gun from our chest It is time for us to get some rest

BUT REMEMBER GENERAL THAT We had spared every penny And paid our own money

To equip you with the best machines To defend the people and the land And toiling the sand

We made you get the best education To defend the nation

But General!!
You have broken the oath
And achieved none
As nothing has been done
Nothing has been done
Nothing done
NONE

The Thief

You have stolen my money But money is compensable. You have stolen my land But land is retrievable You've stolen the air But it is still accessible You have stolen the Nile But water is still available You have stolen my honour But honour is irrecoverable You have stolen thirty years of my age Prisoner in your cage You have stolen the milk of the boy You have stolen his toy You have stolen his joy All his joy And you have stolen the smile form his mother's face You have hurt all the human race You have stolen the freedom of the nation You have stolen the aspirations of generations

You have stolen the aspirations of generation You have stolen the dreams of every couple Planning their marriage
But you plan the miscarriage
To terminate their hopes
In city or in village

And you still discourage
And crush everything under your foot
Under your dirty military boot
Ah, you have spoilt the happiness of this generation
You have stolen the dreams of the nation

But they have revolted
And filled up the streets with their voices
With TASQUT BAS?????
And they will never bargain for their freedom
And will never listen to your lies any more
They will knock and hit with force at your door

And to hell you will go
Then all their dreams will come true
All their dreams will come true
Then their dreams will come true

A Message To A Sniper *

Sniper!!
Why do you disguise
in that disgraceful mask
To do your dirty task
Hiding on the rooftop
To do your nasty job

Why don't you come down?
And shoot me on the ground
In the muddy streets of my town
Come down

Then your shot will go straight ahead To hit my head In the right place On my very face

Or you can aim your gun to my chest And report your boss with the case!! Then you can take a rest For another round But just come down to the ground

You may have another choice...
That you can raise your gun and your voice
And shoot with rejoice
But come down, to meet face to face
Then you can send your gunshot into my eye
The right eye
To make me die
But on the muddy streets of my town
So, please come down
To the ground

You can aim at my head
Come down to the ground and shoot
And tread my neck with your boot
I will not run
But kiss the mouth of your gun

When you come down
We may look like puppet and clown
We can play the game of cat and rat
But will never run or give my back
You will never miss my track
To kill me with cold blood
But - please - on the muddy streets of my town
So please come down

Sniper!!

I am so fond of your high skill
The way you (shoot to kill) *
How can you aim at my very head
From such a distance?
And make your shot rest
Between my eyes or in my chest
With no resistance?

By the way sniper,
Do you have any idea about the guys?
Whom you send your shot between their eyes?
Do you know their names?
Have you ever been acquainted with them?
Or played some games with her or him?
Do you know those victims?
That you shoot from that place?
Or you just guess!!
Then trigger and press your gun
To - randomly - kill anyone,
Then you report the mission is done

I am really fond of your high taste of selection Killing ONLY doctors at a time or teachers Are they human beings or they are mere creatures?

Those who you pick out their souls
With a five-pounds bullet of ammunition
Do you have any idea of their education?
Where they went to college?
To study science and gain the knowledge
In teaching and medicine

Then come to treat your family
Or teach your kids
To help them learn and read
And move from stage to stage
And develop through the age

Sniper!!

I know how you have been trained
To use the Kalashnikov
Or shoot with the Molotov
Or fly the Antinov
But we also know of Pavlov's
Theory of Classical Conditioning
Through which you have been trained
Like a dog to bark, to bite or kill
In cold blood, but with high skill

We know how you have been conditioned
Not to say (NO)
Because you don't know how to say the NO
And supposed not to know
You only trained to shoot between the eyes
And give a laugh of victory when someone dies
Unaware of the curse
That the victims send at your ugly face
But despite your gun
They remain the winners of the long race

To The Soul Of Ahmed Al-Khair

Our revolution
Began in the Classroom
Then from Kassala to Khartoum
To spread the light of education
From the East to the west
From the north to the south
And pave the way for the nation
To attain emancipation

But the killers were faster
To put out the candle
That you used to handle
And plant the pleasure of learning
In our children,
In women and men

They killed the teacher
Who paves the way for the future
The future of all kids

They killed the man with a (tool)
In cold blood,
With flood of blood
They made the (hole)
Not in his body but in his soul
In the soul of the whole generations
In fact, in the soul of all the nation

With pain, with great pain
They hurt the spirit of our children
As they pierced their daggers in their hearts

When they came to school that day
They were all happy and gay
Ready to learn the ABC and some arts
But when the lesson was about to start
They found out with all the dismay
That their teacher was unable to show up
And he was late for that day

But nobody dared to tell them the truth or say
Why the teacher was late
And the only thing they had to know
That (Ahmed) had passed away
To pave the way
For their bright future
Because he was their teacher

He was the only one among the few
Who really knew
How to make them refined with knowledge
And equipped with skills
To handle the pen, not the gun
To write and spell
and not to kill
But always learn with pleasure and fun
And think high
And spire to the sky
But to think high
And spire to sky
With great imagination
Through the pleasure of education

He was the one who used to make them hopeful Happy and joyful But the killers took off his soul And terminated his role To educate and please the boys and girls Of the Sudan

Ahmed Alkhair,
We are all ashamed to tell
The story that took place
And the news that spread
Through the space

We are all ashamed
To tell the story that was to boom
From Kassla to Khartoum
And sadly leaked into our classrooms
Into the ears of the kids

To betray the killers
Who denied the role of the teacher
Who makes the future
And engineers the fate of all nations
Through the pleasure of education

Ahmed Alkhair May your soul rest in peace In your holy place We hope in peace you sleep But we, we will keep To cry and weep The fate of the teacher The fate of all teachers And the fate of our future Ahmed Alkhair We are ashamed To tell the story And we are all embarrassed To go through details We are sorry We're so sorry To tell only some of your story But peacefully sleep in your last resort As our promises won't not be reneged We will get revenge As long as we live, a couple of years Or a whole of an age 14-2-2019

Murder Of Khashogi

He trod in a hurry into the hall of the consulate

He quickly rushed as if he was too late

To meet his mate

To finish their marriage protocol

In their wedding day

He was full of joy

Like a little boy

Promised with a toy

But as soon as he was in the place

Fifteen men sprang at his face

And took hold of him to stop his breath

But as he was strong and fit

He fought them very well

But could not get free from their hell

As he was hit on the skull

And to the ground - then- he fell

It was too late

He had to meet his fate

To heaven he sent the last sigh

The saw went into his flesh

Like a piece of fish

The saw cut through the bone

And the body -then - has all gone

In few minutes the work was done

They silenced him for good

The voice that sang for the Kingdom

The song of freedom

He made no crime

He only used to think aloud

But he was not allowed

To finish his message

As they took him through the passage of hell

To stop his breath

And make him face his death

Alas, he did not wed the girl

Who went into a long wail

And got back home

To tell the whole world of her tale

Your Facebook

I spy on your FaceBook

And with a keen look

I go over the pages

For one hour that looks as ages

I have all your whereabouts

Your small talks

With family and friends

And all your walks

All the time I see the same beautiful face

As it were twenty-two years ago

Still glowing with youth

And to tell the truth

Age did never tell on you

And it will never do

Tracing back

I follow your track

To catch those beautiful smiles

And the perfume that I can feel

Of course, I know it very well

It is yours, only yours

Are you still twenty-two?

We still in love with you

So much we do

Your good news remains in the heart

I am always happy

When seeing happiness on your face

And the beauty that I can easily trace

But then,

And only then I feel the loss

My great loss

And the great mess

Then I understand

How you slipped away from my hand

Fate At The Consulate*

To the soul of Adnan Khashogi

On his feet, on his bare feet

The man went into the consulate

To face his fate

Where fifteen men were there

In their fanciful wedding attire

Ready to receive the lonely guest

Into the wedding hall

To complete his marriage protocol

But the moment he passed through the gate

He was face to face with his fate

As fifteen men jumped on his back

And firmly took his hold

Fifteen men took his hold

And although he was strong and daring and bold

But he could not afford

And went cold and cold

As death crept on his soul

emHunter.com Then his power calmed down

And betrayed him to the ground

Uttering his last words

It was a curse!!

He shouted with rage

Then moaned like a helpless bird in a cage

He came to the end of fatality,

With brutality

Witnessing himself by himself

Going into pieces

He saw the work as it was run

At last all the body has gone

With a red saw that he saw

Piercing through his flesh and bone

In ten minutes all the work was done

And the whole body was torn

Oh, the guy had only gone there

To wed his Turkish girl

Instead, he went into a valley of hell

His plan did not go that well

To come back home with a beautiful damsel
Who wasn't able to pay her man the last farewell
Instead, came back home with a broken heart, to tell
The whole world the horrible tale

The Last Time I Saw Him

To the soul of brother Ibrahim.
The last time I saw Him,
His face was cold as a star
In a remote universe
Far away, in a place
Unknown to the human race
But there, he slept in peace

In full calmness,
With a smile on his face
In his wooden coffin
Where he stopped the breath
To set off into silence of eternity underneath

The body was brought by plane
Secured by heaven's hand
To be buried with ancestors in his land
The land that he always loved
But did not enjoy its fresh air
Or drank its fresh water of the River Nile
The land that he wanted to walk
On its sandy roads for a while
And eat in its cheap restaurants a local meal
And cherish the taste of the food and enjoy its feel
He would use his bare hands and lick his five fingers
And drink a cup of tea with spicy mint or gingers

That was him, Ibrahim
And that was his dream
My young brother who passed away
And stealthy left without a say
To his last exile
Could he have stayed for a while?
To say goodbye,
And embrace his mom and dad for the last time
To say a farewell to his daughters, son and kin
And go back to his cold wooden coffin
Could he have delayed the journey?

The ugly plane from Cairo to Khartoum Landed in a sadly gloomy day
Then he was marched to his last stay
Unable to say
The farewell ...
To Mom
To Dad
To friends
To son and daughters
To sisters and brothers
And some others

But may Allah bless his soul?
And mercy befallen on his body and spirit
We are sorry to miss you, so much
We are sorry that you did not tell us in any way
That you were on your last Journey

So you left and left all of us helpless
Then how can I tell your young mistress
'How her daddy feels in his coffin'
But I just said, (worry not my child)
You daddy is happy,
He is on his way to Heaven
To pave the way for us

Almaddinah Almonawarah

The lighted city of the Prophet I hail you standing with pride in the heart of the Arabian Desert From where the Divine Might Spread to reach all universes With the Prophet's light Mohamed peace be upon him Who came as a bless from God To maintain the road Gabriel came with the message To show Him the passage To purity and integrity For the guidance of the human race From Makkah he set out with the message of peace As he left one early morning to Maddinah to the city of holiness to establish the best civilization That man ever had witnessed He came to fill the place With justice and fairness Where people lived in peace And with the right to live and say He built the perfect human paradise on earth Your companions were the best They took the message and finished with the rest Over hills, deserts and oceans Far to India and China and to the Alps They took the holy word all over earth To the whole universe Messengers of peace and love Messengers of civilization To all human nations From your city, peace be upon you Sprang out the light A pleasure for the human delight

A Strange Dream

It was just a dream, a strange dream
It was a dream
Only a dream,
That I saw the elephant
In the streets of Khartoum
Walking with a leisurely pace
Leaning on a big stick with a smile on his face

Then in McDonald's
I saw the crocodile
Having a snack and tea
With milk by the Nile

I saw the monkey in the barbers' shop on the hill Cutting hair of a young customer with great skill Drawing beautiful whiskers with a heavy bill

I saw the frog in a dark corner sipping Coca Cola Elegant in his new green shirt with a wide collar And a red tie dangling from his short neck With shining colours
Smoking Cuban Cigar with great pleasure
As if he got all the world's treasure

I saw the fox playing very hard A tennis game with the rooster In the goat's backyard

It was just a dream
That I saw the caterpillar
In love affair with the cockroach
In a public bathroom in Khartoum

It was a dream, just a dream
To see the giraffe as an emcee
Serving coffee with hot cream
To the rhino and his hippo spouse
With a thick lipstick in her mouth

It was a dream
To collect my clothes
From a laundry skillfully run by the dog
The cashier was a young frog
In her latest fashion
A silk blouse and skirt of cotton
From Christian Dior
Elegant in her Parisian style
And happy beautiful smiles

Then I saw the bitch

Mating on the beach

With only one male!!

Can you imagine such a tale?

I also saw the snail
In his armored cover
So clever
Licking ice-cream with chocolate flavor

Then I saw all the animals gathering in the forest
Celebrating the marriage of the hyena and the gazelle
The lion was there
On his royal chair
And the crow leading the choir
It was a happy event of marriage
Then the bride and the bridegroom
Were politely invited by raccoon
To spend their honeymoon
In his marvelous home
In the out-skirt of Khartoum

And I saw a fleet of birds congregating in a morning prayers
Led by the owl with green spectacles
With a long tanned beard
And a great turban on his bald head
Muttering secret words from a book that he read

Then it was a pleasure to see the salmon fish
In the court of law playing the role of judge
Young and full of hope
With a white wig on her head and a reddish robe

Then I saw the shark flying a jumbo jet From Guantanamo to Philippines with great wit Escorted by crews of crows serving tea with mint

I saw the rat dating the cat
In her modern luxurious saloon
In the out-skirt of Khartoum
Where they sat down reading Alice in the Wonderland
Happily, cracking peanuts
And sometimes cracking dirty jokes

I saw the lion and the tiger
But frankly, I did not see the fox
Together they were running a dialogue
About the metaphysical elements in modern poetry
And post-war drama in Broadway theatres
And they also talked about the BLUES
Of Langston Hughes
With reference to NY and Harlem
But with different views
About Fukuyama's End of History
And later, they dealt with some Chemistry
The problem with the carbon dioxide
They also talked about Dr. Jackle and Mr. Hide

I saw the turtle and the rabbit on the CNN on a chat
Running a dialogue about peace on earth
Philosophizing the fate of the human faith
Exploring the Digital Native Concepts
Sorry for the Digital Refugees and the Digital Immigrants
They were trying hard with positive words
To Solve the Digital Divide of the Third World
And fill the Gap of Education
Among all the Human Nations

And the last of my dreams were happy dreams
That I saw human beings also to have some dreams
Pleasure on their black, red and white faces
Yes, I saw all human races
The Sudanese were there, too.
Women in their beautiful thobes

And men in their white fluffy robes
All were busy with others
Stitching the Ozone Layer with golden needles
And planting seeds of love in the sea deserts
Watering them with their teardrops
Yes, with their teardrops
I saw the seeds grow fast with plenty of crops
Then I saw them picking up fruits from the stars
With different taste, size and clours
And giving them freely
To the poor children of the world
Including the children of Darfur

You Were Different

I -hereby- confess that I had loved women

Some were so hot

Some were shy and a bit cold

But you were different

Because you were temperate and bold

I loved women

Some were tall

Some were very tall

But you were different among them all

You were the bless of the soul

You were sophisticated and highly refined

And you were the rest of the mind

I loved women

Some white girls

Sweeter than nightingales

Some with dark pigmentation

The most beautiful in their generations

But you were different

You were the pride of the nation

I loved women

Some were beautiful

In fact, some were very beautiful

So I loved them for their beauty

And some were witty

In fact, all of them were very witty

But still you were different

You were the ideal my dear wife

And the best deal in my life

Worry Not My Child

The last time I saw him

There he slept in peace

In calmness

With a smile on his face

In his wooden case

Where he stopped the breath

To set off into the silent silence of eternity

The body was brought by plane

Secured with heaven's hand

To be buried with ancestors in his land

The land that he always loved

But did not enjoy its fresh air

Or did not drink its fresh water

The land that he wanted to walk on its dusty roads

And eat in its cheap restaurants a local meal

And so as to cherish the taste of the food,

And enjoy its feel,

He would use his bare hand and lick his five fingers

And drink the tea with spicy gingers

Under the Neem tree in the Nile Avenue

That was him, Ibrahim

My young brother who passed away

And stealthy left our world without a say

In his exile

Could he have stayed for a while?

To bid a goodbye,

And embrace his mom

And inhale her perfume deeply in his lungs

Could he have hugged his daddy for the last time?

And shed tears on his shoulders?

Could he bid a farewell to his daughters?

Saria, Taif and Jennan

Could he give an advice to Ahmed his son?

And could he say anything to his kin?

Old and young, boys and girls, women and men?

Then go back to his cold wooden coffin!!

Could he have delayed his journey?

But he was eager to go

We all know that he was eager to go

The ugly plane, from Cairo to Khartoum Landed in a sadly gloomy day Then he was marched to his last stay Unable to say The farewell.... To his Mom To his Dad To his friends To his son and his daughters To his sisters and brothers May Allah bless his soul? And mercy be on his body and spirit We are sad to miss you, We are sad that you did not tell us in any way That you were on your last Journey to eternity And now we are all helpless How to tell your young mistress How her daddy feels in his coffin But I just " Worry Not My child"

You daddy is happy and on his way to Heaven

Dr. Ahmed Gumaa Siddiek

Years & Tears

Mohammed - Peace Be Upon You

Had I met him, one thousand four hundred years, I would have washed his feet with my tears Had I met him one thousand four hundred years I would have dropped all my fears And embraced the eternal happiness In his holy presence And I would have my ears Hearing only his holy utterance Had I been there, I would have all the pleasure To bury my face in his holy face And had my soul on his hands with grace With faith, all the faith Then I would have been the happiest on earth Had I lived his time, I would have had the best company of man As he was the best of all human race He was the chosen, He was the honest, And the honorable Who came to our worldly world Like a morning breeze Like an angle to please And with ease, He was there to sweep away All our human miseries With his holy hands and divine smile He was the bliss on earth And the comfort for all human souls He came to relieve and cure our pains He came like a shining star To nourish the human spirits with his blessings And fill our earthly bodies with delight And wash our souls with his holy light

Did The Elephant Fly Or The Rhino Lay Eggs?

I feel sad as sadness could be Cause I'm afraid that one day I may not be able to say To my grandchildren Why animals deserted our planet And birds fled away

I am afraid to give a lie
As I would be sorry not to justify
How the African elephant had disappeared?
And why?
And how the African elephant looked like?
Was the African elephant as heavy as a fly?
Was the African elephant as big as a frog?
Or did it simply look like a dog?

I would feel sorry not to justify
How the fish disappeared from the sea?
As there is no fish in the sea
No longer we can see

I wonder, what I would say to my grandchildren! When they would ask me some years to come To talk to them About animals and teach them some tales How beautiful those animals were! But what knowledge do you think I could share!!

What should I say, plz tell me?
Just tell me
What my answer should be?
When they would ask me
And insist to know all about Zebra
Was a Zebra as huge as a nuclear plant?
And was it as clever as an ant?
Was it as fat as a rat?
But I could only say it was black and white
With distinctive stripes

Then my wisdom would not serve me that day It would escape me and let me unable to say How big the elephant was?

Could I tell them it was as big as their school? Then what about the giraffe?

Could I say some of them were short?

And some of them were tall?

Is it enough to say they were coloured With black and yellow and white spots And they could run as fast as your car But not faster than the Tiger or the Jaguar?

And what should I tell them about the lion? He was said to be the King of all animals!! Was it true?

I am afraid not to be able to define the lion Did it fly like a U.S fighting airplane?

Or was it as fierce as a Russian submarine?

Retajj, my granddaughter, might want to know
All about the crocodile
How He happened to disappear from the Nile?
Could I say that He had evaporated like water in the sun?
Or could I tell her that to heaven, He had gone?
Or could I say that He was just stolen by someone?

And Lojjain, another young lady
Might want to know all about Rhinos!!
Were they like birds laying eggs?
And were their eggs as big as rocks?
Were they like human beings walking on two legs?
Did the Rhinos eat butter and bread?
And did they enjoy milk with hot chocolate?
Were they white, black or brown?
Was a rhino so strong to tear down a big tree?
With its magic horn when he was made angry
And was he so brave to fight
even-his shadow in the night?

Ahmed, my grandson, He is a smart boy, with a vision And wide i-m-a-g-i-n-a-tion He will need explannnnnations
Very good explannnnnations,
And scientific justificaaaaaaations,
From the whole world, from the whole nations
To tell him how the sharks disappeared from the oceans?
And the dolphin, friendly and clever was said to be?
And was it true that she did save many drowning souls
Then how did it happen that we have killed them all?

Oh, my dear human comrades, it would be too late To answer such questions, but try at any rate, For the sake of these generations, just try To give answers for their W.H.Y. Yes, human comrades, TRY, T.R.Y For the sake of grandsons and granddaughters You need to wade the deepest waters To fish answers and justify... And clearly tell them why, Why the fish deserted the sea? And why the forests are void of chimpanzee? And why is the sky, Free of birds that used to fly? And why is the soil poor of plants? Insects, rats and poor of ants WHY and WHY? You need to justify,

Why the world is bare of green trees
And why the trees are bare of fruit and leaves?
You need to say where all the forests had gone?
Then, since you won't be able to answer this quizz,
Of those beautiful kids, so quit, plz

You would better spare them their earth
As they might be able to restore her health
And that beautiful world again
And they might raise the beautiful life
That had once been before the war
Rich with green trees, singing birds, colorful fish,
With animals, and rich
Full with happiness
And that would be their second Birth

On a second Earth

Freedom Is A State Of Mind

I am a helpless bird in this cage It is my home prison And for no good reason It is a half metre range It is strange So strange!! And beyond my sight is the blue sky Beyond my reach ranges too high And above my head is the roof That I can touch with my head It is always there, as the only proof That I am a prisoner in a half metre cage For an age When I beat my wings to fly To fathom the sky The thin wire will pull me down Back to my cage To drown in my rage But still, mHunter.com And although I am so lonely and ill Still, I can sing with full happiness My lovely melody of freedom I care not for the cage I can live another age I do never look behind I am always happy and free As freedom is a state of mind

Dreams

Hopes & Dreams

Dreams like the bliss for the bride
In her first marriage day
And the hope for the sailor
In a rough sea
Dreams are the delight
of a graduate with an (A)

Subject: Re: Re: Re: hi

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Untraceable Dreams
Dreams are true
as flowers

In the garden in spring Dreams are true as the wedding ring In the finger of your darling Dreams are true as a singing bird In an early morning Dreams are true as the breeze Coming from the nearby seas Dreams are fair As your lover's hair When it flings Dreams are true, Though they are untraceable things

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Wild Dreams
Dreams are wild creatures
difficult to tame
They are untraceable
by secret agents
And all policemen
can not restrain
Nor a tyrant
can make them remain
So keep your dreams safer
Embrace them in your heart
and in the brain

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Rainbow Dreams

Dreams are colorful

As rainbows

Some are fast

And some are slow

Some may longer live

And Some may immediately leave

But most dreams tend to stay

And become true

And just a few

Will be pending for tomorrow

So hold fast to your dreams

And let them grow

Proud Dreams
Make your dreams
like drops of rain
Once a piece of cloud
Then falls to the ground
As snow
Or evaporate in the air
keep your dreams always proud
And never let them be caged
Or disappear

Slow Down

Just slow down
Slow down for a while
That I may collect happiness
From your beautiful smile

You, the moon in her full blooming
And the flower in blossoming season
So your love would never need to reason
You, the bird in my blue sky
you are always high
And ready to leave away or fly
You are the good omen of my life
And the warmer chest
When I need to cry
And my escape when I need to rest
So just slow down for a while
That I may enjoy one more smile
I can - my lady - feel your perfume
From one thousand miles
You the ideal lady of my dream

And you are the lady of my style Just slow down so I might go With you a short space To enjoy my being with this beautiful face So please, do not let me lose the race Let me dive in your dark eyes Into the deep blue skies Slow down my beautiful lady The dream of my age And let me back into your charming cage Slow down, please Why are you in such a hurry? Is there someone to marry? Please wait, just wait My darling, please wait You are my fate And my guide to happiness gate You are my darling And my future's mate

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** ORIGINAL MESSAGE ************

From: Ahmed Gumaa Siddiek

To: Yan Feng

Date-Time: 2/5/2017 10: 48: 00 PM (GMT -6: 00)

Subject: Re: Re: Re: hi

Thanks Yan Feng.

I am grateful for your job.

PLZ send me some samples of your translations.

** ORIGINAL MESSAGE ************

From: Yan Feng

To: Ahmed Gumaa Siddiek

Date-Time: 2/5/2017 9: 17: 00 PM (GMT -6: 00)

Subject: Re: Re: hi

your poem really so smart and wise,

I like it,

i will try my best to translate all!

hope you all well,

someday visit china!

To Abdurhaman And Sakeena On Thier Happy Wedding

MY SON

Now you are a married couple my son All your dreams have come true Your wife is like moon
In her full bloom
And you are her sun my son
Both happy and full with fun

Exploring the pleasure of marriage
Filled with rashness, full with courage
You will see how beautiful your wife is
And since you are enjoying the lovely moments,
Everything will seem at ease
She will be happy to please,
To please only you
And the same you will have to do

Then together
You will go to measure
The secret treasure
Of marriage pleasure
This is natural my son
As all new couples should run
With great fun
To tear the pleasures of life
Grasping every moment
To happiness you will to strive
Together with your wife

You need to be her only man
Then she will be your faithful mistress
Then you will sit down and think
Where to build your home
Where to stay or where to roam
And which way you should take
When to sleep and when to wake
Then about children you will talk

You will dispute about the names of the boy And the names of the girl as well Then it would be your favourtie tale As to which school they would need to go

You will sit down to think of your future plan
Full with dreams for a long long life span
And I am sure my son
You will attain all your goals
As you are both wise and smart
To play your roles
Of husband and wife
To lead a peaceful life

But my son life is not that easy
And not that always fine
As - sometimes -you may need to pine
It is not always that bright
So you will need to fight

Sakeena is a fine lady that I really know She is beautiful, smart and daring too She will be your right hand For that - I am sure - she is capable to

So together you will need to go Hand in hand
Over thorny hills
In the rough seas
On the moving sand
Or down across the land

You will walk the long errand of life
So take care of your wife
Be her faithful husband
Be her loving mother
Be her caring father
Be her dearest sister
Be her nearest brother
Be all her family
Let her dwell in your heart

Be the hero
Then be her loving hart

And then together you go to strive Through the iron gates of life*

It is every moment that you need to enjoy
To build a kingdom of love and joy
So be her little boy
Be her toy
Be her soul
Then she will all
Be your lovely doll

* For Andrew Marvell (1621-1678) , in (His Coy Mistress)

Please Haste Not My Grandson

Floyd under the cop's knees

Pleaded twelve times,

Twelve times to breathe

He asked for the cheap air

But the cop was unfair

As he denied him the oxygen

The free gift of the Lord

And continued to press on the spinal cord

And beneath, Floyd could not afford

His soul began to leak from the body

Slowly leaking from the body

And gasping for the last breath,

He saw his creeping death

He was forced to the ground

Uttering a fading sound

But the cop continued to press on his neck

While another cop by the side

Showing all the pride

In his official American suit

ont Uniter com Marching up and down in his heavy boot

Playing with his gun on his waist,

Ready to shoot

Under the witness of the whole American nation

The man lost his soul

For no good reason

But for the blackness of his face

That was all the case

Oh. My Lord. Bless all of us

And bless the black human race

It is a pity to lose your soul

For mere pigmentation

Under the eye of the laws

of the biggest nation

Masters of the earth!!

So Floyd who was an athlete,

And who was smart, friendly and tall

Lost his soul

Because of the color of his face

And because of the color of your face

Here you will lose your case
And because of the color of your eye
Here you may simply die
For mere bad reason,
Not for real treason
But of the fear of the lack of air
You may run short of breath
And face your death

The African Poet

Who is but you to shoulder the burden? of the parentless children? Who is but you to care for women? Lost their sons, lost their men Who is but you to care for the young maid? Lost her loving mate? And would never meet Who is but you to care for the displaced? And the homeless? Who is but you to stand against tyrants of darkness? Sisyphus' boulder on your back The pains of all the black But Diogenes' lamp in your right hand To guard our children and defend the land Who is but you the African Poet? To be the source of wisdom and hope? And our last resort where to flee And be free When the land is short to accommodate my race And the angry sea Then, your words will be the Zulu's spears In the tyrant hearts and in their ears You the African poet, it is your fate

And wade with words to restore the peace And get me back to my old place To enjoy life among my race.

Dr. Ahmed Gumaa Siddiek

To dry all tears

My Wife

My wife

You are the essence of life

My free space

Where no one could dare to trace

Or follow my pace

My wife

You are my place

Where I hang all my faults

And keep my secrets

And hide my face

My wife

You are my holy place

Where I fully enjoy myself

As no one could disturb my peace

And where I secure my soul

When the dark moments roll over and roll

Then my wife you are the wall

My tall wall

Where to lean, when tired and sick of all

My wife,

You are my last resort before I fall

In fact you did never let me fall

The bearer of my young ones

Beautiful girls and beautiful sons

And the bearer of my secrets too, with tons

You are my favourite song

That I like to sing

During all seasons

Winter, summer, fall and spring

My wife

You are still the melody

That stealthily leaks with art

Into my veins

Then into my heart

To soothe all my pains

My wife

You are the flame

When darkness is difficult to tame

And when I am -alone- to blame You come to defend my name From any notorious fame And that is your favourite game You always like to play As my akin twin Whether I lose or win My wife You are the pair of my soul And the remedy for my family as a whole Remedy for the child when she cries Remedy for the old when she wants to rise Remedy for the young to appease You are for the sick to release And for the guest to feel at ease And for the friend when sad to please You are for the lost to guide to his goal And you are ready to give them all And respond for any immediate call In the mid night Or during the fight You are always there with advice And you are always right My wife...you are always right! You are the one Who never says 'No' In summer or snow Oh, my wife You are the twin of my life My valued treasure My happiness that no one could measure You are the source of all pleasure

The Boy On The Wheelchair

Your smiling face
Does not tell all the tale
How you really feel
On your chair, on the rolling wheel

You always come to my class
With a cheerful face
That could never let me guess
How you feel on your wheelchair
The fact that sets me on fire
Of sympathy in my heart
And curiosity in my mind
That looks too blind
To understand how happy you look
And when you look in your book

Some people may not understand
Why you are so happy?
But I have known all about your goals
And how you work in the school

Your happy face
Can make me guess
How your dreams are high
Like eagle in the sky
Your smiling face
Can make me guess
How your wheelchair
Is but a throne of a King
A real king
Your wheelchair is so dear
To my soul Oh, Sir

When I see you on your way,
Wheeling to the school
I wonder and unable to guess
How you-daily-overcome this mess!!
With such flow of happiness

I always see you among your mates
With happy smiles
You defeat your fate
Though you could never set your feet
On the hard face of the street

I always see happy faces around your wheelchair Racing to catch the turn to push your chair Up the stairs As if you are a King or at least the leader of the choir

You laugh from your heart
And they laugh from their hearts
And I feel it in the heart of my heart
A piece of music, a piece of art
Where lad, do you come with all this shining face?
To disperse happiness
To the whole human race
In my class?

You-early-use to come to it
In the first row, you always sit
With full attention and with wit
And carefully listen to what is said
Ready to ask the right question
And keen to take some notes
And ready to share with your mates
Ideas and votes

So you were always the best
And still, the best of the rest
Your fine manners
Would never escape my sight
I see you always fight
Following your lessons day and night
With all your might
To attain what you deserve
As your human right
You really make me feel a true sense of pride
Carried by your charming tide
Tide of happiness
From your wheelchair

You are the most inspiring soul To me, my dear

The Housemaid

I am the housemaid
I am the last to go to bed
At the late night
And the first to wake up
Before the day light
I am the one to check everything
And keep all at my sight

I am to lock the shutter
And open the curtains in summer
And make the fire of winter
And always keep to the gate
And wait
For the dog to come in
From HIS evening walk
And wait for the cat
To finish HER game with the rat

Then I have to make the breakfast
Ready for everyone in the house
But for delay,
I am the one to blame and denounce
I am the one, the lady would ask
About her brown pair of shoes
And the master would inquire
About his polished boots
And the young mistress
Would ask about her new dress
And the young master
Would ask about the stuff of his sport
And his T-shirt
I am the one who would remove all their dirt

I am the one, everyone would call
As if I am the only human soul
That to respond immediately to the whole
But they would not wait to get the answer
So I have to respond quicker and faster

I would open the garage
For the lady for work to go
And wait for the big master
As his turn soon would draw

Then the young lady and the boy would call
To escort them to school
To carry their bags and their tools
And I must always keep clean and cool
And ready to answer all questions
And then back to feed them all

I have to feed all the folk!!
With different taste of dishes
To satisfy all their wishes
Different meals I have to cook
But I am always a subject of their mock

I have also to entertain the guests Upon the master's request I am the one to manage his wealth And keep his family's health

And since I am said to have a good voice
I should have to sing some melodies to the boys
So they would not disturb or weep
But peacefully soothed to sleep
I have the little girl whom to please and talk
And I have the dog, for the evening walk
And still
I am the only one who is not allowed to get ill
I am not allowed to get sick
As the rod is spared for me and the big stick

So I just need to close my door and weep Weep and weep With silent voice, That I have always to keep

Then I shed my hot tears Very hot tears And embrace all my fears And lonely go to sleep

I am the housemaid Who is made to sweep All sadness off your lives And not allowed to grieve But always have to strive

I am the housemaid
Who is to keep your family happy and tight
I am the guard of your dreams at night
But my own dreams, I have them to hide
And washed away with the first ebb or tide

I am the housemaid
The first to wake up
At the early morning light
To start the daily fight
And the last one to go to bed
In the late midnight

Eagle On Top

Despite your authority
And despite my pains
Despite the long captivity
And despite the chains
Despite my inability to refrain
Despite all restrains
Despite your limitless might
I will continue to fight
For my rights
And will remain
Like a free eagle on the top
of the Marah Mountain*
The sky above is mine
The valley, the air as well
And the vast plain

* Marah is a mountain in Darfur

To Doctor Islam

Now my daughter
You have just left your lovely school seat
Although it is difficult to leave your schoolmate
But this is your fate
And this is what you have been trained to meet

Our congrats from mom, sister, brothers and me
And many congrats from the whole family
That you have got your medical degree
So you are now educated and more free
To read and learn in your field
And assimilate all the knowledge
The human mind was ready to yield

You have got your medical degree And ready to treat all human illness With carefulness

So in work you will see the rich,
Bragging with his wealth
And the penniless as well
But your job is to be nice to both
When they are helpless and ill
As both are looking for health

So when a patient comes to your Kingdom
He is there to seek your medical wisdom
Sickness is a moment of real human helplessness
So you need to be equipped with all human kindness

You need to be sympathetic and very nice And ready to give the right medical advice

Sometimes a patient may only need your smile That would be like magic from the first while To cure him immediately from the vile

To some patients you may just prescribe more fluids Dehydration is the cause of health deterioration And the cause of death among the children of the nations So your patients may need only this simple medication

Some patients may only need to sport themselves for a week With a half hour walk, they may no longer need the stick They may get recovery through a game of a football kick

Some patients may only need to increase their vegetable meals With some more fruit they may dismiss all the bills Some patients may only need someone to talk to And make their company So do it as possible as you could do

You may prescribe water, vegetables, fresh air or more fruit or a stay under the sunbeam
Or prescribe a run or a little time to swim

My girl, you are now a physician
But to patients you are the magician
Who is ready to wipe all their pains
With only one magical touch
So you will need to do them well
As their expectations on you are so much

You always need to refine your knowledge
And every day improve your medical skills
Check your patients from head to heel
And go through the body with a kind human feel
This will immediately help them to heal

Money should not be your aim in life
But human souls you need to revive
Then the happiest person you will be
When you see your patients healthy and alive
And ready to live and survive

Maya Angelou: You Will Remain Phenomenal

Maya Angelou You are truly original Exceptional, So you are phenomenal

Because you cannot hide
The beautiful smile on your face
And you cannot hide your perfume
That fills all the space
And travels hundreds of miles
Because it is all original
So you are exceptional

You are phenomenal
Because of your style
The way you talk
the fashionable way you walk
an arrogant peacock

So men cannot help but to gaze and look
gaze and look
And Still, still
They will never be able to tell
Why you are so phenomenal

And Ladies, too
would continue to wonder
Why you are so phenomenal
Because they do not see
How you are so cute
And how fashionable you look
In your stylish suit
And how graceful is your foot
In your boot

Ladies also do not see the span of your hips And the pearls uttered from your curled lips Because you are so original

So you are phenomenal

And no wonder that men
Do not realize how you're so cool
When you get into their rooms
Like a mistress in the school
So they all
Suddenly fall,
Down on their knees
And swing about you like honey bees
Because you are the loveliest flower
That had ever trodden their floor

Men adore the beauty of your eyes
in fact they adore the secrets in your eyes
Where you hide seven hundred of skies
So let them fall down like butterflies
To kiss your feet
And let them die when you dance and shake your waist

Because you are exceptional
So you are phenomenal
But still men do not see
the mystery in you
they are blind or pretend to be so
They are not smart enough,
In fact they are stupid, too
To see beyond their physical mind
Yes, they are simply deaf & blind

But they can see now why you are so proud Because they have just come to understand Why your head is always upward And why you behave like a lord Because your are beautiful smart and slim And decisive like a sword

They have just known
Why you don't shout
or jump about
Although you can all afford

Maya,
Because you are so exceptional
You will always remain phenomenal
And you will remain phenomenal
Because you are simply, smart and proud
And the most beautiful among the whole crowd

Liverpool Slave Port

Although Liverpool was late in entering the slave trade, but she quickly surpassed London and Bristol to become the number one slave port in the whole of Europe in the eighteenth century.

Liverpool

Liverpool you were the gate to hell

So I hate you as I hate London, Nantes and New York as well

Every piece of me does boil with hate

As through your gate

My black race were put to fate

Their awful luck on your soil

And spent all their lives to toil

And make your wealth

And bring your health

Your hate is in every pore in my flesh

In the run of my blood

And it is always fresh

You slave trader, cruel traitor

My black race were driven into your dirty ports

Under the view of your very judges and your courts

They were forced into slavery

Driven in your merciless, unfriendly, slippery roads

Enslaved and smuggled by day and night

Through your hideous tunnels and secret docks

Naked Children clinging to naked mothers' breasts

They had to walk all the way and never rest

Women and men all were chained

Hand to hand or cuffed foot to foot

Like cattle, they were hooked

By a burly piece of wood

Salty sweat ran into their eyes

And hundreds of grimy flies

Bite their skinny faces and broken thighs

They were all naked

And the feet were bare

And none a piece of cloth to wear

Then they were auctioned in your market place

Like animals not like a human race

And they were to be dispersed in every space To build your British Great Empire And they did... In the plain or in the mire They did the heavy job in the farms Built bridge and built the dams They cut the wood for the winter's fire And cooked the delicious food For the master and all his neighborhood Only one girl in the master's house She was the only black maid Who was made to wake up the first And the last to go to bed All broken from foot to head Oh, Liverpool Your dirty history can never be bygone And because of the harm you have done To the black race, you will be forgiven by none!!

From Africa To America

It was an early morning in my village When I left my family in their cottage And stealthily went, as to be the first To fetch some fruit, from the forest

My village peacefully slept under the mountain Where my tribe had been living for years Enjoying the healthy air and the generous rain There we grew everything and shared with peers Our farms were rich with types of grains And the good sky did never cease to rain

So our stores were full with many types of food For the family and everyone in the neighborhood We were rich and rich enough We were the happiest men on earth We had beautiful girls to love Ready to give many children's birth

Our villages in peace did they remain
With green plains and continuous rain
The tribe wellbeing was well maintained
By wise women and brave men

We had time to love, to wed and time to fight
We had time to sing under the moon's bright light
And we had time to grow and enjoy the food
And time to converse and dance in the wood

We had the learning to raise the cattle
And plenty of crops to plant
We had the time to go to battles
And plenty of time to go to fight
We were able to read and write

And know some arithmetic and religion, too
We had time to worship the God
In only ONE we believed, not in two
Our elders had time to tell beautiful tales

To teach all the boys and all the girls
The whole truth about love and freedom
And skills to cure all the human ails

We learned to count our cattle and sheep
We knew when our crops were ready to reap
We had the skills to get water from the deep earth
And the knowledge to tell the coming of birth

We knew all about stars in the sky
We knew how to cook and bake the pie
And all about the wealth in the ground
And how to decipher the echo of the sound

So when we beat our drums during the night That was to make ready for a fight And when we beat our drums during the day That was to celebrate a new birthday

But when we send the smoke signs to our kin It was to tell the advance of some enemies So we would never be taken by sudden But be ready for the fighting ceremonies

So we had a culture when you came to our land And took our races chained hand with hand To plant cotton and sugar cane on your sand Millions of black fellows had long to stand Under the burning sun they were in remand So when your white ships anchored in our coast Everything gone with the wind and were lost With your guns you came to hunt men and boast And displaced my race payig the heaviest cost

That was one early morning and that was my last day When I last saw the green plains where I used to play In a slave ship across the Atlantic I made my way To the new world with all historical dismay Where we were displaced, enslaved and forced to stay

Slow Down General Basheer

Step down

From the chest of my nation

Step down

From the back of my town

Step down

From my people's chest

it is time for the nation to rest

Mr. President

Step down and disperse

From earth

We want to see no more of your face

And no more of your breath

We have come to the end of the race

It is the end of the race

Mr. President

Step down

Release your dirty boot

From my people's foot

From our throats

Rest your gun

And you'd better run!!

Run Mr. President

Since there is no more fun

And there is no more time

To commit any more crime

Mr. President

Step down

Stop shooting and killing our race

Step down

And dismiss from space

Step down

It is too vile

We'll wait not for a while

But march to freedom

And drink from the Nile

Our Freedom sip

And walk

To finish the trip

Mr. President

Step down
We've refreshed our souls again
With fresh blood in every vein
In the veins of the nation
Women and men and children

Mr. President Step down Our blood has gone drained And sank into the deep sand To water our poor land And enrich our soil Like the tears of our kids With drying lips Rotting rips And broken hips From lack of milk and human tips Our blood sank deep To quench our thirsty land Ad enrich the sand Mr. President Step down step down from my people's throat Into your sinking boat it is late In fact, it is too late To face your fate To face your terrible fate The African Poet

Who is but you to shoulder the burden?
of the parentless children?
Who is but you to care for women?
Lost their sons, lost their men
Who is but you to care for the young maid?
Lost her loving mate?
And would never meet
Who is but you to care for the displaced?
And the homeless?
Who is but you to stand against tyrants of darkness?
Sisyphus' boulder on your back
The pains of all the black

But Diogenes' lamp in your right hand
To guard our children and defend the land
Who is but you the African Poet?
To be the source of wisdom and hope?
And our last resort where to flee
And be free
When the land is short to accommodate my race
And the angry sea
Then, your words will be the Zulu's spears
In the tyrant hearts and in their ears
You the African poet, it is your fate
To dry all tears
And wade with words to restore the peace
And get me back to my old place
To enjoy life among my race.

For Freedom

Do not wait for freedom
For freedom do not wait
It will never come knocking at your gate
It is your fate
So hard to fetch
The fate of each
Who wants to reach
Yes, freedom is far and high
As far as the star in the sky
But it is within your reach
If you are keen to reach



Lovely Creature

I love your features
I love you
I love all your gestures
I love you
Cause I love the future
I love you I love the creature
the miracle of nature
All nature



Years & Tears

Sudanese were suffering since the military coup of 1989 by Omar Albasheer.

Millions of tears

Were shed at all spheres

Tears of children

Tears of mothers

Tears of fathers

Tears of friends

And tears of lovers

Tears of women

And tears of men

All were shed

To water the sand

Of our land

Tears of miseries

Unprecedented through

All human histories

Years after years

And your tyrant gun

tearing our men

You kill for fun

playing a game of hit and run

To disperse the rest of our race

In every space

Years after years

With millions of tears

And still your boot on our faces

And your machines eliminate all the races

From the face of our land

And uprooting happiness from the sand

Uprooting all races

human beings of animals of birds

Races of all plant species

With merciless brutality

To castrate fertility

You kill to eradicate our race

From the face of the earth

And bury our date of birth

To dismiss us to dismiss us

From the book of registry
From the book of the human history
But we will cling to live and stay
Like our tears rooted
In the deep sand of our land
To fight for the rights of our children
For rights of women and men
For freedom night and day
To keep Darfur a human paradise
We will never give away
But will cling to live and stay

Why Are You Sad?

Oh, poor lad Why do you always look so sad? Your face does never show any smile And you did never look happy or glad Not even for a while Is sadness your life style? Why are you always sad? My dear lad! He said, 'Sir, it was all my fault " Because I slept So the car had leapt To crush into the truck And for my bad luck Only for my bad luck I killed my lovely duck I killed my lovely Mom Who used to take me by the hand* And lead me over the sea or on the land But left me like a child with no defense* Into wisdom, joy and sense. Alas, I lost my Mom Then I lost my lovely home I was the only one to blame Since then I'm on an everlasting flame But although in her lonely grave, She still wants me not to grieve And that I have long beautiful days to live She did never leave me Me, she would never leave She always remains my Mom Although in her lonely grave She is still my dome and my secret room As she had once been my love & home' *Michael Leunig

Step Down

Mr. President
Step down
From the chest of my nation
Step down
From the back of my town
Step down
From my people's chest
it is time for the nation
to get to rest

Mr. President
Step down and disperse
From our earth
We want see no more of your face
And no more of that breath
We have come to the end of the race
It is the end of the race

Mr. President
Step down
Release your dirty boot
From my people's foot
Rest your gun
And you'd better run!!
Run Mr. President
Since there is no more fun
And there is no more time
To commit one more crime

Mr. President
Step down
Stop shooting and killing our race
Step down
And dismiss from every space
Step down
It is too vile
We'll wait not for a while
But march to freedom
And drink from the Nile

Our Freedom sip And walk To finish the trip

Mr. President
Step down
We've refreshed our souls again
With fresh blood in every vein
In the veins of the nation
in the veins of women and men
And in the veins of our children

Mr. President
Step down
Our blood has gone drained
And sank into the deep sand
To water our poor land
And enrich our soil
Like the tears of our kids
With drying lips
From lack of milk and human tips
Our blood has sunk deep
Like tears of women with rotting rips
And broken hips

Mr. President
Step down
step down from my people's throat
Into your sinking boat
But alas, Mr. President, it is very late
In fact, it is too late
To face your fate
To face your terrible fate

River Nile

River Nile Oh, River Nile!
You run like a silver chain
Through the green African plains
You did never stop or restrain
And you did never complain

On the desert you run,
Under the burning sun
You run
In winter, you run
Like a sheet of gold
Rich with stories and rich with fun
And millions of secrets yet untold

River Nile, where do you come from? From heaven or paradise? Or from a holy fountain, you rise?

You were running millions and millions of years With full might shedding no tears With abundance of waters You share overall spheres

You did never rest for a while But running thousands of miles and miles Happy and generous Oh, River Nile! Accommodating the fish and the crocodile

You run from country to country
From century to century
You give with kindness
And your gifts have reached
The poor villagers on the banks
The herdsmen and peasantry
You give without ranks
Or wait for thanks

Then through cities you run Untired but happy and full of fun

Your gifts are unlimited Everywhere they have gone

You run from Tana, your start station
To the Delta with no hesitation
Carrying the bless of the nations
To Nubian and Egyptian
Your holy water, to the rich and the poor is inoculation

Your White Branch comes from Victoria
Through the forests of Equatoria
Then runs to meet the Blue Nile
Coming from Abyssinia
Elegant and proud in his style
From the plateau above
Then you with all the love
Meet in Khartoum, and both
March towards the North

On your banks grow millions of vegetation Plant species and animal populations Harmoniously live with human nations

Then from Victoria to Khartoum in the Sudan You meet the Blue Nile like a loving couple Then together you make your journey to Aswan To the Mediterranean you make your great travel

You the White Nile
From Victoria you start your march
From hill to hill and from valley to valley
You cross the borders
You give no orders
But peacefully run, you are never harsh
Through Equatoria to the Savanna
To the edge of the Desert in Khartoum
Where you are received as a bridegroom
Always calm, childish and polite
Full of manners and civilized

Blameless as you easily run

Flood-less on your banks
To enable the poor fisherman
Collect his net full with fish
And the child to get his herd
To drink from your generous dish

So you together meet at Khartoum
Then embrace each other
As darling lovers
As babies embraced by their mothers
Then like a married couple in their first day
You meet with the Blue Nile then run away
In your honeymoon
Both to the North
With your endless force

You the Blue Nile, you are always young
Rough and masculine
Fierce and furious and always ready to sway
Your enemy
So you push the White Nile back to make your way
Then run to the North with no delay
Through the desert in the North of Sudan

So the Blue is always rough with you, You harmless White Nile You are always kind and wise, too Like an old man with his naughty son Together agreed to Egypt, you run

Through the Nubian Civilization
Where three hundred Pyramids witness
And guard the nation
You head to North to the Sea
Carrying the Sudanic culture
To the world to see
From Nebtta and Merowe,
from Karma and the Barkal
Through Dongla through the desert you flee
To the Sea

To the world, you carry the Nubian civilization

A token of friendship
To human population
Then Nile with full motion and emotions
You tell the story of the Sudan greatest nation

River Nile,
Your banks stand to tell our great history
From Piye, the black Pharaoh
and all his family tree
Whose empire extended from Khartoum
To Mediterranean Sea
Who stood against the bloodthirsty of Assyrians
Saving Jerusalem from enemy
El Kurru, Nuri, and Meroë all stand
As witness of great history
Great deeds crowned by the Mahadi with his victory

The old temples stand strong and fair with Mosques Minarets Shooting high in the air For Allah Akbar to travel free Through the atmosphere To reach human beings everywhere To herald the Dervish victory on the British Empire And across Stood the Church with the Cross You can hear the bell on Sunday And the Mosques send the calls of prayers on Friday They together stand as symbols Of true religious integration Among the Sudanic nation

As if Nile you want to say there is space For all human faith For all human race To live happily on the face of your earth Space for all human race for Africans, for the Arabs, for the Coptics,

for the Jews, for the Christians And the Muslims as well All happily live on your banks Devoid of race prejudice or social ranks

Boats sailing along your generous shores
With plenty of food to the rich and the poor
The fishermen go back home
Happy and thankful to your generous hand
And the farmers happy with
the soil of their land
They grow once and harvest twice through the year
With plenty of food to spare
and nothing they have to fear

Women and children kings and fools All human beings happily crop from your unlimited pools

How many civilizations did you witness?

The Greeks

The Roman,

The Nubian,

The Kushian,

The Turkish,

The French,

The English,

The Pagan,

The Jewish,

The Christians

And the Muslim Dervish?

How many civilizations did you witness?

How many Kings and Queens asked your friendship?

And how many Pharaohs had had their trip?

How many Saints or Prophets had your grip?

Moses, Jesus, and other great men of God

All were to lead their disciples to the righteous roads

But some tyrants in the sea they were rot

Like a great father always kind to them all Giving without waiting for thanks, at all You are fair River Nile
And you are fair to the whole
The birds in the sky
And the animals on the banks
All have their share
The plants, the human and the fish
Your water still abundant and fresh

You had once been worshiped
Thousands of years ago
Brides were given as bribes
To appease your Ego
That you should not stop
But continue to flow

Oh River Nile, the Snake God you were said to be All thankful to your daily run from South to North like a never ending history
And of course
You did never change your course

The Churches' bells
And the Mosques Minarets
on your banks,
Send their calls and thanks
And both stand
As symbols of unity of the land
Shooting high with Allah Akbar in the air
Gracefully and fair
And you are still running River Nile
Proud and smart in your elegant style.

Hughes And The Blues

Oh, Hughes, Langston Hughes Your BLUES inspired your race To wake up and win the race To keep on to Freedom and to trace Every corner in the space The BLUES traveled over mountains, Valleys and crossed the oceans To all human nations Heard over Mississippi and the Boston Bay. Then all free men and women learned to believe and say That we are born free And endowed with the right to life The freedom of where to live and strive As man or woman As husband and wife And have the right to dream of the light of the day The light that came from New Orleans To the Bronx and Harlem To New York City, too
Your songs brought your race Their identity and unity Your songs will live in eternity To let them taste the sweet taste of freedom With full human dignity

Wait Not

" Gather quick out of darkness " " All the songs you know" " And throw them at the sun" " Before they melt like snow" * Sure opportunity does not come twice be wise It will not wait for you You should know It is like snow If you do not run It will quickly melt in the sun Simple physics as you know Therefore, you have to go And do what you have to do What you are supposed to do And wait not for somebody to tell you What you need to do Never wait for someone to tell you Where, When and Why to do so or so Life is short and opportunities, too So gather quickly all that you can And wait not for any woman or man Even sister or brother Let them hurry and follow your steps And back you And together cross the river And forever Enjoy the sweet life, forever So gather all your chances at once And drink them in one sup And drink even the dryness of the cup *Langston Hughes

Your Birthday

Happy Birthday

Some years ago

You were twenty-two

We celebrated the twenty-two

Today is your birthday

And you are still twenty-two

Next year we will celebrate

Your twenty-two

And hundred years to come

You will remain twenty-two

As age, does never tell on you

Age does never tell on you

You were as beautiful as toady

Smart and arrogant and tall

As a palm tree

Some years ago

We all used to say

That you were the star in the sky

Far, too impossible and so high

To reach

We used to say

You were the moon

In her full bloom

You were the phoenix

Every day you get a new start

To remain the queen of all the hearts

And the rest for all the human souls

In fact you are the rest for the whole

And the whole at your feet

Because you are their Queen

And this is your due respect

Then, you are free to set free

Or captivate

Because you are the Queen

And free to do

Whatever you want to do

But let's now celebrate your new reign

As you are still the Queen

And still young,

Smart, tall and beautiful, And still twenty-two So happy birthday to you Maha, happy birthday to you At your twenty-two

Granddaughters Newcomers

Retajj, the daughter of my son Have just come to the world full with fun And Lojjian the daughter of my daughter Are received with milk gushed at your face and water To celebrate your birthday Granddaughters you have come to the world To fill our vacuum With some freshness and happiness at home You are as smart and beautiful as your Moms And gentle as your Dads Grandma is happy for both As if she is the one who gave your birth All uncles, aunts, nephews and nieces And all the kin and kith Are all happy for your arrival To add to the big family Which has begun to grow with the third generation To build the nation So you are adding one line in our grand book of history And give strength to the family tree And power to the country Our traditions all in your veins To inject the family with fresh blood Your names will be engraved with capital blocks in gold You will enjoy your time among your loving race And grow with full grace

Smart and tall like dads and beautiful Moms
Then you will both go to school
And granddaddy will be your school mate
He will always wait for you at the gate
And will not regret whenever you are early or late
When you are out at the end of the school day
He will collect you home happy and gay
And will play
All your childhood games
And may help to give your dolls some beautiful names
He will carry your bags with some broken pencils
And torn exercise book-notes

Full with greasy stuff and remains of food Then you will be back home To fill all the rooms With joyful chaos and riots Then you may break my phone And make upside down all my room You may tear my notes or books And may step into my shoes Or put on my sizeless boots And you may break my glasses You may as well have some cries Of madness for no good reasons Then you will get bored and tired And would go to sleep Then Granddad may have a nap For the rest of the day To make ready for tomorrow With a new start

Black Cinderella In The White House

Black Cinderella in the White House
Malia Obama, the black Cinderella
Under presidential umbrella
Fills the White House with naughty childhood
A butterfly that moves from wood to wood
And shares happiness with all the neighborhood
Wherever she goes attracts everybody's look
A peacock
An African Cinderella
In an African cloak
She moves like a wave
From shore to shore
To share happiness
With the rich and the poor

Malia the black Cinderella of our time
The sun that heats the winter's rime
In the White House with an African rhyme
A naughty child, she is, with hot blood
Like River Nile in his full flood

Malia fills the White House kitchen
With the aroma of cocoa from the tropical zone
And the smell of coffee from Abyssinia
And the taste of tea from Kilimanjaro
Where granddaddy had come from Kenya

Malia fills the dreams of our children
As their black Cinderella
Who disperses light over all places
Inspiring them to go overseas, lands and spaces
With big dreams and smiling faces

Malia is the symbol of freedom Who dared to put back The dark history of her race And started a new race With dignity and full grace The White House was once a symbol of domination Built by the black nation
Their blood was mixed with every block
Each stone,
Alone
Has a story of its own

Under whips And kicks on the hips and the rips Men and women of the black race Were there in the race Under the sun Under winter's grace They had to race To place And replace One block over one block And a stone On a stone And mix their black blood with cement To raise a mansion For the white master Of the White Garrison

But now THIS has all become your own
The palace is now all yours
Built by your own race
Who dug deeply in earth
To build a rooted base
And decorated the White House's face
To enable you play happily and freely
And fill all the space
With joy and peace

And then you trace history
To sweep all the misery
Of your old African people
Then together with Sasha
With full privacy
In your presidential rooms
You can sleep and read
And have some childish dreams

Of smart African bridegrooms

And beyond there, your beautiful Mom and Dad Enjoy their time
As Masters of the White House
Masters of the black
Masters of the white
Masters of all
In fact, masters of the world as a whole

There Michelle Obama, the first lady
Now you can see
Like a queen of land and sea
As tall as a tropical palm tree
Wherever she goes or whenever she was seen
She fills all places with happiness and glee
Smart and beautiful and free

The white cook is ready To serve the White House guests And the staff is ready To obey the first lady's requests The plane USA is ready To fly on her demand To the moon if she wants To the west or to the farthest east Malia is the dream that Our children have to live And the future for all So we do believe That racism will no longer live But forever it would leave Leave all places And disperses in spaces From every corner on the earth And Malia will be the angel of peace And the guard of freedom for all the human race

George V Salutes Digna*

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Although Othman Degina's men were equipped with very primitive weapon such as spears and swords, they won most battles against the British and the Egyptian invaders in the Sudan. Digna, a Sudanese leader of the Mahdi led a powerful army that invested Sinkat and Tokar, destroying Egyptian reinforcements for the former garrison on 16 October and 4 November 1883. On 2 December his men wiped out another Egyptian force near Tamanieb. In December 1883 Colonel Valentine Baker arrived at Suakin to march to the relief of the garrisons, but he suffered a defeat at El Teb on 4 February 1884.

Ι

What happened to you George?

The King of England

The King of the Seas

The King of the Land

To humbly stand

On such a poor sand?

Η

His Majesty stately ship
Dropped anchors on the Red Sea

To India, he was on his way

But he changed his course to Port Sudan

On the Red Sea

To see,

Just to see

A Sudanese warrior

by the name of Othman

Known as the lion of the East of Sudan

III

So his Majesty to Sudan made his way

And he came to Sawakin one day

And had a walk in the city

Escorted by her Majesty the Queen

And a school of men

To measure the Length and Width of his vast empire

Where the sun rises somewhere and sets somewhere

IV

Then the King asked his men

To fetch Digna to show respect

To the King of Britain and India And the Dominions as well His Majesty called the prisoner To where they dwell

So the men hurried up
To get Digna from his jail
And told him the royal tale
That the King would allow him, with grace
To meet His Majesty face to face
V

Digna was secured a prisoner in the jail

He was old,

He was sick,

He was weak,

And he was pale

But, still, still

Full with an arrogant faith

He refused to get to the royal space

'He is your king'. He roared in their face

'He has nothing to do with this place'

VI

Nevertheless,

The King insisted to see that man

With such a superego

So to the prison, His Majesty, Himself had to go

Accompanied by his men

With the Queen

And all his royal kin

To see Digna, who was at his old age...

In the prison's cell, like a bird in a cage

But in fact, he was a lion in his den

Full of dignity of the Bejja fighting men

Who had given great lessons to the British Empire

And who had broken the notorious English Square

VII

So his Majesty insisted to see the man's face
But Digna refused to give him a face at all
Instead, he gave him his back and faced the wall
Clinging to his copy of Quran his holy book
And to the King of England He did not give a look
VIII

Then the King got out His royal sword from his sheath,
The King got out his royal sword flashing in the air
Like a fire cord, the King got out His royal sword
He got out the royal sword, the King got out His royal sword
And raised it as high as he could afford
As if to touch the sky
And then...
Saluted the lion of the Sudan in his den
As great men greet other great men
Thus his majesty left the prison, then

Then the King recalled Kipling's words
That celebrated the bravery of the Fuzz-Wuzzy
Who broke the English Square
And gave unforgettable lesson to Squire
And the whole British Empire

Χ

ΙX

As if the King was recalling those words of Kipling verse 'We've fought with many men across the seas, ' ** 'An' some of 'em was brave an' some was not: ' 'The Paythan an' the Zulu an' Burmese; ' 'But the Fuzzy was the finest o' the lot.'

'Our orders were to break you, an' of course we went an' did'
'We sloshed you with Martinis, an' it wasn't 'ardly fair; '
'But for all the odds agin' you, Fuzzy-Wuz, you broke the square'

Thus His Majesty left the prison, then With the pleasure of seeing the lion in HIS den

Love Deffered

I
It was fifteen years ago
I was forty-five
You were twenty-two
Tall as a palm tree
And you were all fresh & free
Beautiful, young and smart
In fact, you were a piece of art
II
Ebony your colour
Cocoa your flavor

Ivory your smile jasmine your smell

That marches miles and miles Into our nostrils

III

You walk like a military personnel In fact, you walk like a colonel Tall and slim as a nail

ΙV

When you show up accompanied
With the whole charm of the continent
The flavor of tea from Kilimanjaro in Kenya
The odor of coffee from Abyssinia
And the cocoa aroma from Ghana
And the richness of the tropical forests from Equatoria
And the fresh Nile from Victoria

V

Oh my African queen
With your Ivory smile
And Ebony style
You are the real pride
Of your African tribe
In fact you are the pride of all tribes

My African queen
With your Ivory smile
And Ebony style
You are truly the bride of the Nile

VI

You were the jewel of our English class

Do you remember Sembene Ousmane?

'Tribal Scars and Letters from France'

Working together on Langston Hughes

Listening to the Jazz, the Pop and the BLUES

Coming from the high lands of New Orleans

And the Mississippi

And we heard the high voices of Harlem

And New York in English (B)

And we had a nice time

With Andrew Marvel in his rhyme

In his Coy Mistress

Then Shakespeare with (thou) and (thee)

In his English summer day

But you were lovely

And more temperate

Than any Shakespearean sonnet

Because you were so African

And more beautiful

Than any English summer day

And you will remain beautiful as yesterday

Today and tomorrow

And everyday

VIII

That was fifteen years ago

I was forty-five

And you were only twenty-two

I know I am bad at mathematics

But I am sure now about my sixty

As I am certain about your twenty-two!

You are still that African palm tree

Always lovely and green

And smart and tall and free

Oh my African Queen

And thus you will remain

As young as you want to be

cause age will never tell on you

But it will only, only tell on me

ΙX

You will read this poem

And you will know

It's specially designed for you And you will get the message In a minute or two As you are always smart And the same piece of art. And as it was fifteen years ago You are still twenty-two!

Χ

Sometimes I spy on your dreams
To see if I am there with you
Sometimes I spy on your page
On the Facebook to guess your age
And wonderfully you are still
That beautiful typical African girl
And still not engaged
At this age!!!

Because of your high selectivity
And because of your high taste
You will never meet an equal mate
Because of your high rate!!!

ΧI

I am sixty

You will never be thirty

You will always keep to your twenty-two

As time does never show any disparity on you

And we will never meet

And I will never be your mate

I know this is my fate

Like the East

That will never meet with the West

XII

It was fifteen years ago

I was forty-five

You were twenty-two

Tall as a palm tree

And you were all fresh & free

Beautiful, young and smart

In fact, you were a piece of art

So stay at your twenty-two

May God bless you

And all of you

My African Queen

My Village

It is a long time since I left my African Village And to town I took the passage With a bundle of clothes That was all my luggage Then to school on foot With little money And some crusts of food To begin the journey of my learning At my boyhood II There I met nice people on the road All with new clothes Women with new shining eyes Laughing with new ivory teeth Healthy boys in new heavy boots Young girls with long beautiful curls And new bright shoes III Oh, my village At the back of my head is your image To which I always long and long Hovering as a beautiful song A song at the back of my head A song that will never fade IV And beyond there I can see I can clearly see The green moors lay ahead of me And a herd of sheep Grazing on the green bed And a she-donkey with a nodding head Followed by an ass And a cry of pain from a young lass She was hit on the skull By her naughty bull And another cry coming from the east And a dog barking in the west V

There I can see

I can clearly see

A train of women coming from the pool

Different women from all ages

Coming from the pool

Some are stout and some are small

Some are short, some are tall

Some look so smart

Some look like a fool

Women from all walks

Coming from the pool

But they are all

With happy faces and smiles

Though they fish water from a distant mile

With heavy tins on their heads

Dropping on their bare breasts

Beating their dancing waists

All chatting in high voices

That can easily be heard

But with low pitches

As gossips with care are said

VI

There I can see

A young girl and a little boy

Taking care of their herd

And some old ladies

At the back of their huts

Muttering some strange words

Growing maze & peanuts

And there is my grandma

Busy with her pots

Cooking our evening meal

I cannot tell but I can feel

What she is cooking for us

And there is my granddaddy

In the thorny fence

Cleaning his donkeys' remains

VII

Oh my village what beauty is that

When the moon is full and fair

With little stars and freshly air

Like a bride in her first wedding day

And the weather is cool The rain begins to fall On the lusty sand dunes At my village in lately Junes Then happiness befalls on all And beyond there I can see The green hills of Kordofan Shooting very high With pride in the sky And clouds hanging above Like a canopy of care and love Covering the sand dunes of Kordofan

VIII

And on the far horizon I can see A fleet of migrating birds Black and white in fleet or pairs Coming to dwell and free As usual on my granddaddy's tall tree And make thoughtful dialogues All the night, then go to sleep I can see the white bird stealing From the black one a little cane To build a nest for her children

ΙX

Oh my beautiful Village There I can see my mates on their donkeys To the market with local products To sell their groundnuts Happy all the day Chatting all the way Speaking all the time But no one would wait To listen to his mate Cracking jokes Some are out of date And some are obscene, If no adult is observed Or appears on the scene Χ

I can see the evening approaching With glimmering sun And tall shadows on the grounds

Sketching some beautiful fun On the sand dunes Then night falls Where nothing can be heard But some cows within the herd Lazily chewing their food Or a pool of dogs assembled At some hot bitches Making some hideous pitches And some mews of cats Busy on secret acts And some are chasing rats and yell In the back yard of my field And a lion far away cuts the silence With a big roar from the hill ΧI Oh my beautiful village Then the night omens with peace Tranquility falls on every piece Except of some giggling sounds Leaking from a hut far away Of a newly married couple Happily giggling all the night Up to the daylight Enjoying their honeymoon with full delight And when all the villagers Go to their farms by day The couple will turn away To go to sleep all the afternoon Till the next dawn

Dr. Ahmed Gumaa Siddiek

That is their honeymoon

In an African Village

The Battle Of Shaykan

The Battle Of Shaykan The Battle of Shaykan The people of the Soudan had won their freedom by their valour and by the skill and courage of their saintly leader. Winston Churchill: (River War, file: /Users/Home/Desktop/) Ι In the fifth of November eighteen eighty three We had the greatest war in History In the last century When our country was set free By the Mahadi Η Under the Baobab tree The Mahadi set his tent And thousands of tribal men Came from all over the country To pay allegiance to their legendary III Under the Baobab tree Sat the Mahadi with staff of war Abu Garga And Hammdan Abu Aanga, Who deprived the enemy to sleep but made them weep All the way from Duwiem to Shyakn There was Yaagoub with his flag, it was BLUE Wad Anogomi with the RED one, he was there, too Sawarr Adahab and Basheer Agab Aldour, And Elvas Um Berrair And in the middle Musa Wad Hillo With the GREEN flag with other men, They all saluted their Leader

And marched with their men

Into the enemy's den

ΤV

Like African lions

The Imam surrounded by cavalry

Some hundred men with only sticks, swords and spears

Only sticks, swords and spears

They fought and defeated the greatest Empire

In the shortest battle, in the human history

Where Hicks and his men were buried near the tree

in the sand dunes of Kordofan in Shaykan

V

Under the Baobab tree stood the Mahadi

As strong as a tree

Stood the Mahadi

With some thousand men in lion skins

And one man's heart

Fearless, waiting for the war to start

VI

Then the great Imam shouted:

Allah Akbar

Allah Akbar

Allah Akbar

And led his disciples

in a long war prayer

Then he said Amen,

And Amen, said all his men

And the word

Was heard

That he declared

the war

With a roar

VII

So the Imam declared the war

And warned his men

'If you are only late to fix your shoe

You will miss the greatest show

That will we spare no one for you'

VIII

Then in fifteen minutes it was all done **

On the sand dunes of Kordofan in Shaykan

Against the Egyptian troops

Led by an Englishman

And some European groups

And in the sand valleys of Kordofan in Shaykan

The enemy had faced their fate

Drowned in the sand dunes

Ten thousand men were

Buried in the sand dunes

of Shaykan in Kordofan

ΙX

Several thousand men

from all the tribes of the Sudan

Came to Shaykan

They came from the west

They came from the south

They came from the north

They came from the East

They came to Kordofan

To the Mahadi in Shaykan

Χ

The Imam was under the tree

with Chief of staff

And waves of brave men

Went into the enemy's den

ΧI

And Allah Akbar was sent free

All over the country

It went over mountains and crossed the sea

From Shaykan to London,

To Cairo and Aswan

As the war began some thousand men

Charged as one man

XII

With only swords and spears

With no fears

They charged with eyes full with tears

Tears of joy

to destroy

their peers

With only swords and spears

They broke the British SQUARE

And defeated the British Empire

In the sand dunes of Kordofan

In the Sudan

XIII

They hit the enemy from right and left And gushed up like ghosts from ground

With no sound

And came down from trees as tropical rains

And destroyed Hicks and his men

In fifteen minutes time, they were all drained

XIV

As all the books told the story

in fifteen minutes,

Ten thousand men were vanished

In the shortest battle in the human history

Ten thousands men with heavy guns

Had all gone

In the sand dunes of Kordofan

They vanished within an eye blink

in a twink

From ash they went to ash

Into the history trash

In the sand dunes of

Shaykan in Kodrdofan

XV

The enemy was made up

of eight thousand regular Egyptians,

And one thousand bashi-bazouk cavalry

With ammunition

And one hundred tribal irregulars

from different nations

And two thousand camp followers

and fifty days and an immense baggage

And a train of five thousand camels with luggage

The army also carried some

ten-mountain guns,

Four Krupp field guns,

And six Nordenfeldt machine guns.

But in fifteen minutes they all had gone

By our men it was done

In the sand dunes of Shaykan in

Kodrdofan

XVI

Our fighters had done

The greatest business

That our enemy himself

Was an eye-witness

That our brave men round the Mahdi

Sent into history dustbin

Hicks Pasha and his men

And buried them all

In the sand dunes of Shaykan in Kordofan

XVII

Hicks, although, you were brave and well trained

With experiences you had already gained

In Abyssinia and India you were famed

But here in Sudan your fame was tamed

Cause for money you fought,

you fought for money

While the Dervish fought for their honey

XVIII

It was not your fault

Since you had not been told

About the brave lions of the Sudan

in Kordofan

XIX

What were you doing in my country?

Had you been invited to a wedding party?

in Shaykan in Kordofan

Or was it a dream of honeymoon with your bride?

So you came with your Saxon prejudice and pride

With dreams, your dreams big and wide

With royal aristocracy that you couldn't hide

Why did you come to Kordofan?

Because of some thousand pounds,

You had as a bribe!!

But you had the lesson from the tribes

Of the Dervish of Sudan in Shaykan

XX

What a bragging General you had been!

What did you say to your men?

" That you would hold the heaven"

" if it falls down with your guns"

" And that the earth would be trodden"

" With your military boots if it moves or runs"

But in fifteen minutes all had gone

In fifteen minutes, all was done

By our brave men in Shaykan in Kordofan

XXI

We admit you were brave

You were very brave

And highly trained

But our men were brave, too

And equipped with (Eman)

So they won the war

Cause of their Islam and holy Quran

XXII

Oh, Hicks you fought

For glory,

For fame and ambition

Our men fought for emancipation

For the sake of the nation

And buried the enemy of the Sudan

In the sand dunes of Kordofan

IIIXX

All the Egyptian Army

Was shaken in Shaykan

On the sand dunes of Kordofan

In the fifth of November Eighteen-eighty three

our country was set free

* This battle took place in November 5 1883, in Shaykan near Obied, about 600 KM from Khartoum in the West of Sudan; between the Egyptian Army led by the British General Hicks Pasha and some European Generals and the Sudanese army led by Imam Mohammed Ahmed Al-Mahdi.

** The battle was said to have lasted about an hour from the beginning to the end and the actual fighting took only fifteen minutes as some history books told the story

The Moon Is A Loafof Bread

George Bailey: What is it you want, Mary? What do you want? You want the Moon. Just say the word and I will throw a lasso around it and pull it down. Hey. That is a good idea. I will give you the moon, Mary.

Mary: I will take it. Then what?

George Bailey: Well, then you can swallow it, and it'll all dissolve, see... and the moonbeams would shoot out of your fingers and your toes and the ends of your hair... am I talking too much?

Source: It is a Wonderful Life (1946): A film produced in 1946 by Frank Capra and starred by James Stewart (1908-1997) and Donna Reed (1921-1986): where this dialogue tool place

So how do you see the moon in the sky?
When she is bright and blooming?
Or when She is shy?
With Her white face full of glee
And her picture reflected on the silent sea?

Do you see the moon as a mere piece of rock?

Or a nice lady's face devoid of a dangling lock?

Do you see the moon's face as a bride in her wedding dress?

Surrounded by her bride mistresses

Filled with joy & happiness?

How does the bridegroom see the moon?
Like his own bride?
Does he see her contented
With delight and pride?
And beautiful and elegant
With more delight?

How does a lover
See the moon's face?
Does he see the moon like
His darling's face?
With sweet smiles
And a tiny mouth ready to kiss
Or a full breast to embrace?

How does prisoners see

The moon's face?
Prisoners,
They do not enjoy
As deprived from pleasure and joy
However, the moon is a loaf of bread to an angry man
Or to a hungry boy

From Prison To Presidency

Τ

Robben Island stood alone

An endless horizon in a lonely Zone

Amid an angry sea

Where nothing you can see

Stood the Robben Island

Amid the oceans

A rocky penitentiary with no emotions

A place with none human feature

A symbol that stood for tyranny

Through all the century

Through the whole human history

Stood the Island a statue of misery

II

To this island, Mandela and his fellow men

Were brought in chains

Confined in solitary rooms

What crime did they make?

They only refused the apartheid

With full human dignity and full pride

Nothing to hide

III

Mandela and companions

Were introduced to their new homes in the Robben Island

In solitary rooms

Hundreds of men with smiling face

Assigned to imprisonment cause of race

In a solitary place

IV

Mandela with heavy shackles

Dangling from his skinny hands

Like a handkerchief of a bridegroom

In his first marriage day

Then to his comrades he had a say

That freedom is a state of mind

And that, every dark night

Must be followed by one bright

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And that...

Where they should happily stay and live
And show no grief
VI
So the men with that belief
Faced their fate like brave men
And spent imprisonment with no grief
And from there Mandela went from his Prison Residency
To South Africa Presidency
As the greatest dreamer in the human history
And set all the African peoples free

Dr. Ahmed Gumaa Siddiek

The prison is a five-star hotel

A temporary motel

Robben Island

River Nile Oh, River Nile!
You run like a silver chain
Through the green African plains
You did never stop or restrain
And you did never complain

On the desert you run,
Under the burning sun
You run
In winter, you run
Like a sheet of gold
Rich with stories and rich with fun
And millions of secrets yet untold

River Nile, where do you come from? From heaven or paradise? Or from a holy fountain, you rise?

You were running millions and millions of years With full might shedding no tears With abundance of waters You share overall spheres

You did never rest for a while But running thousands of miles and miles Happy and generous Oh, River Nile! Accommodating the fish and the crocodile

You run from country to country
From century to century
You give with kindness
And your gifts have reached
The poor villagers on the banks
The herdsmen and peasantry
You give without ranks
Or wait for thanks

Then through cities you run Untired but happy and full of fun

Your gifts are unlimited Everywhere they have gone

You run from Tana, your start station
To the Delta with no hesitation
Carrying the bless of the nations
To Nubian and Egyptian
Your holy water, to the rich and the poor is inoculation

Your White Branch comes from Victoria
Through the forests of Equatoria
Then runs to meet the Blue Nile
Coming from Abyssinia
Elegant and proud in his style
From the plateau above
Then you with all the love
Meet in Khartoum, and both
March towards the North

On your banks grow millions of vegetation Plant species and animal populations Harmoniously live with human nations

Then from Victoria to Khartoum in the Sudan You meet the Blue Nile like a loving couple Then together you make your journey to Aswan To the Mediterranean you make your great travel

You the White Nile
From Victoria you start your march
From hill to hill and from valley to valley
You cross the borders
You give no orders
But peacefully run, you are never harsh
Through Equatoria to the Savanna
To the edge of the Desert in Khartoum
Where you are received as a bridegroom
Always calm, childish and polite
Full of manners and civilized

Blameless as you easily run

Flood-less on your banks
To enable the poor fisherman
Collect his net full with fish
And the child to get his herd
To drink from your generous dish

So you together meet at Khartoum
Then embrace each other
As darling lovers
As babies embraced by their mothers
Then like a married couple in their first day
You meet with the Blue Nile then run away
In your honeymoon
Both to the North
With your endless force

You the Blue Nile, you are always young
Rough and masculine
Fierce and furious and always ready to sway
Your enemy
So you push the White Nile back to make your way
Then run to the North with no delay
Through the desert in the North of Sudan

So the Blue is always rough with you, You harmless White Nile You are always kind and wise, too Like an old man with his naughty son Together agreed to Egypt, you run

Through the Nubian Civilization
Where three hundred Pyramids witness
And guard the nation
You head to North to the Sea
Carrying the Sudanic culture
To the world to see
From Nebtta and Merowe,
from Karma and the Barkal
Through Dongla through the desert you flee
To the Sea

To the world, you carry the Nubian civilization

A token of friendship
To human population
Then Nile with full motion and emotions
You tell the story of the Sudan greatest nation

River Nile,
Your banks stand to tell our great history
From Piye, the black Pharaoh
and all his family tree
Whose empire extended from Khartoum
To Mediterranean Sea
Who stood against the bloodthirsty of Assyrians
Saving Jerusalem from enemy
El Kurru, Nuri, and Meroë all stand
As witness of great history
Great deeds crowned by the Mahadi with his victory

The old temples stand strong and fair with Mosques Minarets Shooting high in the air For Allah Akbar to travel free Through the atmosphere To reach human beings everywhere To herald the Dervish victory on the British Empire And across Stood the Church with the Cross You can hear the bell on Sunday And the Mosques send the calls of prayers on Friday They together stand as symbols Of true religious integration Among the Sudanic nation

As if Nile you want to say there is space For all human faith For all human race To live happily on the face of your earth Space for all human race for Africans, for the Arabs, for the Coptics,

for the Jews, for the Christians And the Muslims as well All happily live on your banks Devoid of race prejudice or social ranks

Boats sailing along your generous shores
With plenty of food to the rich and the poor
The fishermen go back home
Happy and thankful to your generous hand
And the farmers happy with
the soil of their land
They grow once and harvest twice through the year
With plenty of food to spare
and nothing they have to fear

Women and children kings and fools All human beings happily crop from your unlimited pools

How many civilizations did you witness?

The Greeks

The Roman,

The Nubian,

The Kushian,

The Turkish,

The French,

The English,

The Pagan,

The Jewish,

The Christians

And the Muslim Dervish?

How many civilizations did you witness?

How many Kings and Queens asked your friendship?

And how many Pharaohs had had their trip?

How many Saints or Prophets had your grip?

Moses, Jesus, and other great men of God

All were to lead their disciples to the righteous roads

But some tyrants in the sea they were rot

Like a great father always kind to them all Giving without waiting for thanks, at all You are fair River Nile
And you are fair to the whole
The birds in the sky
And the animals on the banks
All have their share
The plants, the human and the fish
Your water still abundant and fresh

You had once been worshiped
Thousands of years ago
Brides were given as bribes
To appease your Ego
That you should not stop
But continue to flow

Oh River Nile, the Snake God you were said to be All thankful to your daily run from South to North like a never ending history
And of course
You did never change your course

The Churches' bells
And the Mosques Minarets
on your banks,
Send their calls and thanks
And both stand
As symbols of unity of the land
Shooting high with Allah Akbar in the air
Gracefully and fair
And you are still running River Nile
Proud and smart in your elegant style.
Robben Island *

Ι

Madiba marched into Robben Island *
In the Indian Ocean
A solitary place
Where only the angry motion
Of waves slapping the hard rocks
With pitiless emotions

II

Mandela marched

into Robben Island
Tall and slim
like a tropical palm tree
To put his name
in the book of history
And set all Africans free
III

He walked into the Island
A Chief of an African Tribe
Steadily treading the soil with full pride

With a lion stride
Then the gates were all opened wide

IV

Mandela was confined
In his solitary cell
Did he cry or yell?
No, he was as happy as a child
With a new doll in his jail

V

And because he was brave and wise He wrote the story that could never be retold twice As he changed his Prison into Paradise

*The local tribal name for Mandela

** An Island in the Indian Ocean, about 7 km from Cape Town, where Nelson Mandela was political prisoner for 18 years.

Dreams Of A Girl From Darfur

Ι

I dream of a morning full with peace

With no planes on my head shooting my place

I dream of bread just one piece

But bread is far as the moon

You can see HER face

But hard to reach and seize

Η

I dream of a dress

with some red buttons

And a pin for my hair

and a scented soap

And a paint for my nails

and a scarf of cotton for my head

I dream of a singing toy

with whom to talk

And share my dreams

when we sleep or walk

I dream of a bed to sleep on

And a pair of slippers to own

And a sheep to milk

And a farm to reap

III

I dream of going to school with a nice mate

Who will share all my secrets and share my fate

Then together we read, write and draw

Pictures of birds, animals, flowers, deserts and snow

And we do arithmetic problems, too

ΙV

I dream of peace

Peace for me

Peace for my friends

Peace for my Dad and Mom

Peace for my dog

Peace for my doll

I dream of peace for Darfur as the whole

Dreams Of A Boy From Darfur

{Our Children have the Right to Dream}

I dream of a new black suit With a long tail and a leather boot And two socks, the size of my foot

II

I dream of a shirt with long buttoned sleeves Embroidered with animals, birds and leaves

And a high collar

And a tie with a fine color

III

I dream of a red brick school

With a high wall

And a swimming pool

And a field for football

To share with my mates

IV

I dream of a book of my own

And pencils of my own

And a bunch of color pens of my own

And a drawing book for me, alone

V

Then I will draw flowers in the forest and butterflies

And the moon in the bare skies

And a birds on trees come or fly

I will draw dogs in the backyard

Caring not of the eyes of the spy

Or curiosity of the passersby

Then I will draw my beautiful Mom's face

Bearing the features of my race

VI

I dream of a loving teacher

With a red dress

And a smiling face

Always full with happiness

Seeing me at the school's gates

Then enjoying the pleasure of learning

With my fellow mates

V

I dream of a TV set To watch Tom & Jerry's And Cinderella in the wonderland And the tales of fairies VII I dream of a flute to play To please my Dad and Mom And when I am tired or bored I would climb to my bed With a heavy head And bid a good night to my sister And have a sound sleep In the long nights of winter With my pet VIII I dream with a cup of milk in the morning With a loaf of bread To share with my brothers and sisters I dream of a warm home With Dad and Mom

Rainbow Dreams

Dreams are colorful
As the rainbow
Dreams like streams
Some are fast
Some are slow
Some may longer live
And some may immediately leave
But most dreams tend to stay
And become true
And just a few
Will be pending for tomorrow
So hold fast to your dreams
And let them grow



Untraceable Dreams

Dreams are true as the flowers
In the garden in spring
Dreams are true
As the wedding ring
In the finger of your darling
Dreams are true as
a singing bird in an early morning
Dreams are true as the breeze
Coming from the nearby seas
They are fair as your lover's hair
When it flings
Dreams are true,
Though they are untraceable things



Hopes & Dreams

Dreams are the bliss for the bride
In her first marriage day
And the hope for the sailor
In a rough sea
Dreams are the delight
of a graduate with an (A)



Dreams Are Real

Dreams are real

Dreams are real as the stars in the sky
And true as the truth of the baby's cry
Dreams are the crowns of queens and kings
They are the pleasure of idiot ladies
And the realm of fools and cradle of babies



Heavy & Light Dreams

Some dreams are heavier than lead
Some others are lighter than light
Some are clear as the day
But sometimes darker than night
However, never let your dreams escape your sight
Hold on to your dreams
It will all be right



Definition Of Dream

Dreams have no definition
Un-measurable
Sensational but inaudible
Deep as ocean
Unfathomable
Dear as gold
Worthier than gold
In fact more valuable



I Have A Dream*

I have a dream that you no more rate me with the color of my skin And that you will not Judge me in term of kith and kin And that my pigmentation Will no longer be the mark of my nation or intonation or determine my social situation And that the color of my eye Is no more a sign of any indication And that the touch of my hair Won't count for race categorization 'I have a dream that all children of the nation** Won't be judged by the color of the skin But by the content of education' * The title and the poem are reference to a Speech by Martin Luther King at the 'March on Washington' in 1963

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** With little modification

Dreams & Friends

1

Dreams like babies, like buds
With little care they grow and face their fate
Loving the babies, would do them good
And buds with water
would cultivate to grow into wood

II

A baby needs the care of his loving (Mam)
And buds would easily prosper in the farm
So mother your dreams like a mother
And care for them, like a father or brother
Make cradles for your dreams, your hearts
And make your souls the soil for them to start

III

Build an empire of dreams
And make them grow
as fast as they could
Who were emperors?
What were emperors?

Just big dreamers
So like them you should be

IV

Build a throne out of your own Build a mansion of your own Kings were big dreamers Yes, they were You should be a king yourself Or a multi-millionaire

V

Hold on to your dreams
And belittle them not
Though they may be deferred for a while
Hold fast to them
They may become slow
But like friends they always true

Refugee

Ι Refugee. Refugee Refugee Refugee And sometimes you make it better To call me asylum seeker But I am a woodpecker Moving free From tree to tree To build a nest To rest And embrace my newborn To my breast II I am not a refugee, I am not a refugee I am the victim of the East And the prey of the West I am not a refugee I am a simple human being With very little dream Very little dream A mouthful of bread And a piece of ice-cream A rag of cloth to cover my nakedness And a piece of mattress to sleep, And a glass of milk to stop the baby to weep And for the girl I need a little Barbee toy And a singing clock for the boy IV Refugee, You call me refugee But behind me I left a sweet home and a library Tens of books to read And many friends were there

Where I used to play
And there stood
The remains of my home
It was of mud, straw and clay
But warm and happy, I dare say

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And there was the big tree

Where I used to sit

With my girl

Planning for the wedding day

And there was the sea

Where I had once dreamt to flee

And there were the boats

Waiting on the bay for me

VI

But now you call me refugee,

I am not a refugee

Here is my story

And a long story it could be

VII

Once upon a time there were

Several men and women

And children on a boat in the sea

They were from different races

From many places

Africans,

Asians,

And some Arabs from Yemen

In fact, they were from Aden

There were:

Ali from Iraq,

Sillasy from Eritrea,

Hassan from Somalia

Shabore from Lahore

Lyla from Aleppo

Azeem from Afghanistan,

And I was from Sudan

We were all in the same boat,

Sharing the same human fate

And the same human feelings

VIII

We were all in a rocking boat in a rough sea

In a dark night we set out for the journey
In darkness where your hand could hardly see
My baby on my lap and the lady on my knee
An old man and his dame also clinging on me
And a young maid would cry also had to flee
And the terrible waves roaring as a falling tree
And beyond there was the vast eternity
IX

Refugee.

No. I am not a refugee

I am your guest I am supposed to be

To share your food and drink with me

It is history that repeats itself

Go back and read your history

Please, go back one century

When your grandpa came to my country

But he was not a refugee

Do you think he was invited for a wedding day?

Or he was a traveller who lost his way?

Do you think he came with bare hands or foot?

No, he came with a gun and well trained to shoot!

He tore down my peace and place

He robbed my wealth and health

And now you spit on my face

And call me refugee!

X

I am your guest your company

And you need my company!

Cause we have a long journey to go

So we need to meet

As human mates

This is our fate, our destiny

I am not a refugee.

I am your guest

I am a part of you

As you are a part of me'*

^{*}Langston Hughes

Dreams Always Come True

Dreams are a blessing when they come true,
Dreams are a blessing if they come true
But they are hopes if they are deferred
Or become slow
So hold to your dreams
Always hold to your dreams
Never let them escape your hands
Never let them flow or go
Soon, your dreams will all come true



Kings, Children & Dreams

A child always has a dream
To become a king
With unlimited power
Over everything
But the king would
Always like to cling
Back to childhood dreams
So the king is keen
To enjoy freedom that once had been

But do you think the king could gain The lost dreams once again? the dreams of children? Nay



Wild Dreams

Dreams are wild creatures
difficult to tame
They are untraceable
by secret agents or policemen
They cannot restrain
Nor a tyrant
can make them remain
So keep your dreams safer
Embrace them in your heart
and in your brain



Proud Dreams

Make your dreams
like drops of rain
Once a piece of cloud
Then falls to the ground
As snow or evaporate in the air
Keep your dreams always proud
And never let them caged
Or disappear on the ground



Dreams Are Drops Of Rain

Dreams Are Drops of Rain

Dreams like drops of rain that rise in space
Then when they are heavy and blessed
They would come down to wash everybody's face
Dreams like rains evaporate in heaven
Then to earth they would come down
To clean the body and the soul
And wash away the dust of the town
Happiness for the rich and for the clown



Dreams Blood In The Veins

Let your dreams run as blood in your veins Let your dreams like fresh air Goes in the lungs unobserved or seen Let your dreams travel everywhere To feed your soul and feed your brain



Dreams And Flowers

Make your dreams like wild flowers
Freely grow in the moors
And send their scents equally to the rich and the poor
Let your dreams be the joy of the maid
And the pleasure of the child
And the hope of the lost in the rainy storm
And the breeze of wind for the seamen in the ocean
And a crown for the bride in her first marriage day
Let your dreams a token of love and pray



Dreams & Streams

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Make your dreams
As free as streams
That can flow over dams and cross the distance
Or deeply go into the sand
In spite of all resistance



Dreamers Never Complain

A man with dreams is a free man
Whether detained in dark jail
or handcuffed with heavy chains
by bully men
Or deeply buried in gloomy well
Or deprived of every right or put on hell
A man with dreams does never feel
The pain of pain
He never complains
Great dreamers do never complain



Dreams Are Wealth Shared By All

Dreams are for all the people
For the poor and the rich
For the fat and the thin
For the short and the tall
For the black and the white
They are the freedom of the body
Freedom of the mind and freedom of the soul
Dreams are the food of the heart
And the property of the smart
As well as the fool
Dreams are wealth shared by all



Hold Fast To Your Dreams*

Hold Fast to Your Dreams*

*Dedicated to the great dreamer poet Langston Hughes
'Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die
life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.'
Langston Hughes (February 1,1902 - May 22,1967)

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So

hold

fast

to

your

dreams

ΙΙ

Keep

them

always

high

III

Let

them

fly

IV

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sky

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Hold

on

to your dreams VI Hold them

VII

very fast

So no one would dare to steal them

VIII

or

restrain

Let them free as drops of rains

ΙX

Free
To
come
On
The
ground

or

fall on mountains
or
free
to
fall
on
a
vast
plain

Juba 1977

T I came down off the plane To face an everlasting green plain Stretched before my eyes An eternity, but a paradise II My lungs filled with the tropical drops of rain Slapped my face with small grains And hit my rotten body To remove all my pains Severe pains of long history of long captivity IIIOut of the plane, then I came down Geography my welcoming hostess to the town And history honored me with the native crown Here I do belong, So why did I stay away that long? IV Then beyond there from among the race From among the whole race I saw your beautiful face Yes... I saw your beautiful face From among the race, Your lovely face, I can always trace Shining like our tropical sun Rich with beauty, full of fun Then I saw your hand Highly raised in the air Inviting me with all love to draw near and near And then I felt the fire the tropical fire, there There, in my heart And almost everywhere VI When I saw your beautiful face

Among those beautiful race

I drew near and near
Then you took me in your breast my dear
And I cast all my soul
Like a newborn in your arm
To stay there safe & calm
VII

I came down

Then you took me through the town

Our beautiful town

Everything was happy,

The human beings

The animals,

The trees,

The birds,

The butterflies

The beasts

And the bees

And the naked boys with shining skins
Happily playing in the muddy streets
And there our African dogs happy and free
Anywhere they can flee, can eat, can sleep,
and can freely meet and mate

VIII

The tropical rain hit my cheek
And words escaped me to speak
But at last I did reach the peak
Oh, my African queen here I am back
So hold me tightly to your breast
And let me have my long rest
This is at last my nest

IX

I am here to remain
And live my days once gain
So, please hold me tightly in your arm
And feed me from your African farm
Fresh tropical milk and let me dream,
The dreams of the Nile
And tell me all the tales about the frog
About the dog
And about the crocodile

X

Here I belong and come to stay

My darling queen.
And will never run or turn away
I am here to stay
On my African land
To plant smiles
In our tropical sand

What Brings Us Together?

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We all feel
We all fear
We all smell and hear
We all see,
far or near
We all aspire
To get somewhere
ΙΙ
We all drink,
We all eat
We all love and hate
It is our fate!
TTT
We all sleep and have dreams
Joyful or awful dreams
Hollow dreams, they could be
And sometimes very deep
IV
Some dreams may come true,
Some may be deferred
And some may disappear
As mere dreams in the air
But we are all here,
Share,
Share, the same flesh,
Blood,
Spirit and soul,
We all:
Be colored,
White or black
Man or woman
Young or aged,
Short or tall
Smart or a mere fools
We are all,
One day, doomed to end somewhere!!
VI
Mortality is our common fate,
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And here we are just to wait, But, friend, your question is still there!!

To A Jet Fighter

Ι

I have always dreamt of flying a plane And travelling miles and miles away Swiftly fly over vast plains Then back to earth with friends to play II

I have once dreamt to climb the sky
To collect the stars with barely hands
And make them a garland for my love
And bracelets around her arms
III

And there we would stay
And build a hut on the moon of clay
And there we would run and laugh
Run and laugh, Laugh and play
All the day
Then send kisses to everyone
In the sea or on the bay

IV

I have once dreamt to fly with friends
Far away and have more fun
Playing a football match on the moon
And spend the day in the shining sun
And have some rest in the afternoon

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I have once dreamt to be a pilot Travelling in the skies day and night Happy with my dreams full of delight But alas I've dropped the idea of flight VI

YOU have once been my hero in the air When I saw you flying high like a bird When you go that height and disappear In the farthest Northern Hemisphere VII

Then when I grew up I came to live the fear That your jet was shelling my village everyday With heavy bombarding and a hell of fire So you were killing my race in such a way!!! VIII

When I hear your machine oozing high in the air Then I'm certain you're there to eliminate my race And destroy my land and set my folks on your fire And displace the rest in every corner in the space IX

So why did you kill my uncle and my father? Why did you kill my nephew and my brother? Did they rape your sister? Or did they sleep with your mother?

Χ

Did they steal the sleep from your eyes? Or did they harm any one of your boys? Or did they trot on your daughter's toys? Or did they drink your baby's milk? So, why did you seize me all my joys? All my joys?

ΧI

Why did you shatter my hut with that flop?
A poor hut it was of mere mud and straw
That a piece of match could have done the job!!
Why did you kill my dog and break my bow?
XII

Did you really know the men that you kill?
Or your work is to sweep whoever moves on the hill?
Is your work to smash all creatures on the sand?
Or it is to crush every moving object on my land?
XIII

The men you killed you even did not know!!!
And the girls you shelled you never saw
You made our children's lose their joys
Though; they did not steal your children's toys
XIV

Why did you kill my dog and my donkey?
Though my dog did not bark at your daughter!!!
And my poor donkey did not spill on you water!
So why did you kill those folk
With whom you did never have a talk?
XV

Darfur is my grandfathers' birth and place We have made the history of this paradise So we will remain on this sacred earth And we will survive and win the race And keep the history of the noble race Despite your jets, despite your ugly face. Dawadmi - Feb 2015

Despite... Despite...

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Despite YOUR ugly Antonov *

Despite your horrible Molotov

Despite your terrible Kalashnikov

We will remain

II

Despite your bombers

Shattering villages day and night

We will remain and fight

III

Despite your heavy artillery

We will remain

Despite your oozing planes

We will remain

Despite your missiles

Tearing every mile on the land

We will remain

Despite your arsenal of ammunition

We will stand a unified nation

IV

Despite your military boots on our faces

We will remain

Despite all the killing of our races

We will remain

Despite the systematic rape of our girls

They will remain

Despite the honor you bequeath on

the rapists for their deeds

They will remain

Despite your humiliation of their Humanity

They will remain

Despite injuring their fertility

They will remain

And give birth of more and more beautiful children

VI

Despite their long captivity

They will remain

Despite your crimes,

They will remain

Despite your pride

They will remain

Despite your vanity

They will remain

Despite all their rips

They will remain

Despite the drought on their lips

They will remain

Despite all the scars on their hips

They will remain

VII

Despite all the burden

Our girls will remain pure & virgin

To bear our own offspring

To survive and remain

And many children they will bring

VIII

Despite the horror you befall

On our children

They will remain

Deprived of milk

They will remain

Deprived of toys and joys

They will remain

Wretched girls and wretched boys

They will remain

Despite your horrible deeds on women

They will remain

Despite the elimination of men

They will remain

Despite your efforts

To inject fear in their veins

They will remain

ΙX

Despite the long cold nights

They will remain

Despite the heavy rains

They will remain

Despite the hunger and disease

They will remain

Despite their severe pains

They will remain

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Despite the million lies

You often release day and night

We will remain

Despite the elimination of the nation

We will remain

Despite the eradication of life on land

We will remain

Despite the pollution befallen on the sand

We will stand

ΧI

Despite the hate in your dark heart

We will remain

Despite all the agony

We will remain

Despite your fathomless power

We will remain

Despite your guns exhaling death like shower

We will remain

XII

Despite all your deeds

We will breed love and seeds

And stand once again

To plant apples on the Marrah mountain*

XIII

Despite all the firm tight

Darfur will rise and fight

To restore hopes and rights

For women and men

And it will remain

To witness the morning bright

XIV

Despite your death vessels and tanks

We will remain

Despite your millions in the banks

We will remain

Despite your total lack of wisdom

We will gain our freedom

XV

Despite your ugly Molotov **

We will gain our freedom

Despite your horrible Antonov **

We will gain our freedom
Despite your dirty Kalashnikov**
We will gain our freedom

*Jabal Marrah is a famous mountain in Darfur in Western Sudan **all Russian weapons KSA - Jan 2015

My Grandson

My grandson When you smile, My heart would beat for a while The sky would come down With rain, with joy And hits the town, And the whole world will no longer frown When you smile Your pretty face would shine, To light all human universe and mine, So, may Allah bless your lovely face Your smile would move the sinews of my heart, And every vein in me With love would start. When you smile I see your witty eyes, Glittering as stars in the skies Your smile branded Our long dreary life, With bliss and turned, Our home into a hive But when you cry And you always cry! Why darling do you always cry? I don't know why you cry? Why do you often cry? But any way, When you cry And your beautiful pitch goes that high, Your grandma would leap so fast, She could touch the sky, To cast, on you, her thinly arms With her very loving heart, And soothing you on her chest, With all her caring art. Oh, our lovely thing, You lovely thing!!

Our lovely beautiful human being!! Hadn't you shown up, We could have ended our lives On a rocking chairs, Recalling our old days by lazy fires, With dismayed eyes, full of tears Nodding, full with sleep, And sometimes, We may secretly weep, Weep; Weep our long passing days, Creeping with hideous fear! But my Dear Oh, my very Dear! You came into our life, Like a morning breeze, And washed our worries, With the greatest ease. You stealthily came to revive, Our old dreams, To reclaim our lost glittering gleams And enjoy life once again With all our might And regain all the joy So, my boy, My Dear boy! Would you let's show Our gratefulness? And let us express our heartily indebtedness? For you have got us back To the morning light To fight our last fight!

Rabha The Sudanese Marathoner

When the sun came down on the mountains And all creatures crept to their heaths And the roaring lions set out of their dens And the birds were back to the trees

When the village fire was no longer burning And the sleepy children climbed to their beds When every couple to his dwell was returning And the dogs in their huts hid their heads

When the African night crept like a ghost And veiled with his dark sheet every place Rabha stealthily left her home with a (post) And out of the village she began the race

In the darkness of darkness she fled away As lonely as a baby whose mother had lost Through the dark forest she forced her way And down the hills staggered with her post

As a hurricane she was fast to go
And her heart like a drum was strongly beating
And her small feet the spaces were to mow
And the wind on her cheeks was fiercely heating

She could hardly see her way as it was too dark And no moon was there, the earth to light And fear sharpened his teeth like a brutal shark But Rabha was fearless and full of delight

(Pheidippides) many waters had to wade *
For two days he did not stop to breathe
To Sparta he ran so fast to seek the aid
And Athena at last had won the wreath

So, Rabha did not fear the slimy things under her feet She did not fear the lions roaring near in their dens And she did not fear the hyena hunting for the meat And she did not fear things skulking in the fens But bravely ran from Funger to Gadeer She defeated her fear and her human soul She ran fast and fast like an African deer

She sold herself for a highly sacred goal
She ran over hill and vale and on the passage
Her face was full of happiness, as happiness should be
And in the early morning she came with the message

And those were the last words delivered to the Mahadi " The enemy is approaching in heavy heaps of gun" " With seventeen hundreds men with food and horse" She uttered those last words and her soul was gone And with those words she changed the history course

Rabha was the lesson we shall teach to our generation She was the dream that the Turks could never ban She was the symbol and the pride of the nation Rabha was the song for every dame and man

She was the greatest heroine of our land And the hope we have to plant on every sand