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# Florence Badejo - poems -

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## A Change In Heart

How did everything become so different?

I don't understand how this drastic change can be so easy.

It's a complete 180 but I'm still holding on.

I think I'm starting to become strong.

Things don't bother me the way they used to.

Instead now I see the change and work around it.

I'm only struggling with one change right now.

Maybe it's not even a change but just a new revelation.

I've always been able to ignore feelings like this

But I can't seem to do so this time.

I honestly have no idea how long this feeling has been there

But right now its hitting me like a ton of bricks.

I may have inertly ignored it the whole time

Not once realizing that it was there.

But now that I am freed it's like it's taking over my air.

It's all that I can think about, day in and day out.

It's filling up my dreams like a rainfall after a drought.

I'm honestly a little scared, I'm not used to being this out of control.

I seem fine on the outside but inside it's taking toll.

But it all feels so good. I don't think I wanna be in control.

Just let my feelings run wild and see what will be told.

The only thing I can do myself is keep myself headstrong

So that I can keep on feeling good no matter what goes wrong.

I know you might be reading this but you don't even know who you are.

You'll find out in the end but that distance might be far.

I don't want to keep this secret but it cannot be told aloud.

Very few know what I'm talking about so this note may seem rather odd.

I do the dumbest things to keep you from finding out

Even though they should actually tell you what's going about.

I know your smart so maybe you already have a clue

But all I can do right now is keep feeling for you.  $\sim 04/07/11 \sim$ 

#### Above And Below The Horizon

It's weird how things can happen so suddenly.

One minute your looking at the clouds,

The next your trying to get off the ground.

I see myself in the clouds,

I finally made it up this high just less than a year ago.

I can see images and clips splayed across the clouds.

Mostly joyous times have been playing.

The last clip I saw was not so happy though.

It was a heart wrenching tragedy but I'm not sure how it goes.

While I'm still watching it start to play on the cloud

A sudden rush of air gusts from below.

I shut my eyes to keep the wind from hurting.

It's been a while now and it's still blowing.

I crack one eye open to see what's going on.

You wouldn't believe how terrified I was.

It wasn't a wind but me falling from the sky.

I'll tell you what happens next though I'm sure you can guess.

That's right, I plummeted into the ground, arms around my chest.

This crater I'm in now is bigger than the last time this happened.

I never let myself go so high into the sky.

I let myself keep going up over the last year though.

I never should have let myself rise so far.

I always stayed low because I'd always fall.

Looking up from the crater I see how far I've fallen.

I think I'll give up on flying though, I always loose my air.

This crater is deep, I don't feel like climbing out.

I'm just gonna stay in this hole.

I thought I learned my lesson last time.

I'm just not meant to fly.

I not climbing out anymore and I give up on trying to fly.

I'll keep my proper place in the ground.

Now I won't have to risk falling from the sky.

~03/21/11~

#### Afraid To Falter

I'm going crazy with these thoughts in my head The days we're all together is now what I dread I don't want them to come but they get nearer Now they have me shivering in slight terror I'm afraid of how I'll feel when I see you and her Will I keep my smile and have my pains endure? I honestly don't know and fear I will fail My acting skills might falter instead of prevail These days to come will be my toughest stage Can I act my proper character without any rage? I'll be hurting and breaking inside all this trial I will not give anyone the slightest clue Not to them, not to her, not even to you I'll be dismal and gloomy and break into two But I don't want you to know ~05/01/11~

#### All For Love Or Love Will Fall

I cannot act like my feelings for you aren't there If I keep going on like this I don't know how I'll fair. To be in love is an amazing thing but it is also our downfall We set our hearts on the line willing to risk it all We do what we can to win their hearts but don't always make way Again and again we try to prevail until we run out of days We know that we have a slim chance of finding ourselves true love But we believe that if it's meant to be there will be help from above The thing is though that we never really know Whether things will work out or melt like the snow I'd like to say that I'm smart enough not to fall for anyone But I fell in love without the slightest clue as to what was being done I told myself when I was younger that I would never make this mistake Let alone fall for a best friend that may leave my heart to ache But it is too late, I cannot turn back the gears I've been quietly in love with you for more than two years You'd think that in all that time I'd tell you or give up But sadly I just stayed by your side like a very loyal pup I'm tired of waiting though, It's time that I take that chance Soon enough I will find out if we can have romance

~08/01/11~

#### Am I

Am I wrong for being jealous?
Am I thinking to much now?
Is it dumb to think I'm stupid?
Am I feeling to much now?
Did I do something wrong?
Am I worrying to much now?
Did I fail aling the line?
Am I doing to much now?
Have I not done enough?
Am I being too lax now?
What could be the reason?
Am I lost in my mind now?

## **Blue Sky**

As the clouds darken the sky starts to cry
The ground moistens for once it was dry
The sky is sad for it has something to say
But everyone near just turns away
The sky tells itself that it must not sigh
For it knows they don't listen but wonders why
The sky stays alone and continues to wonder
And on the ground you only hear thunder
As each dropp falls the time goes by
And a girl comes that is rather shy
But this one listened to the sky's declaration
And now there's a rainbow rather than precipitation
~2008~

#### **Galvanize**

Lost in the shadows are my dreams.

I search frequently but it always seems

That no matter how hard I try

My flower of hope will wither and die.

The only thing now that keeps me moving

Is the fear that the darkness will be all consuming.

I run and I run with no destination

I can see no light, no salvation.

I try to turn back but the darkness is thicker.

I start to panic and my footsteps are quicker.

Then my mind brings to my attention

That I can't remember my first intention.

I stop myself and no longer move

Since there is nothing for me to prove.

No reason to push myself farther

And now my own mind becomes darker.

But somehow, somewhere

I feel encouragement in the air.

Then a sliver of light comes into view.

I can see myself anew.

Few people stand there waiting for me

But with just them I can see

The reason why I try so hard

Why I want to push myself far.

I can see my friends, my love, and my teacher

Telling me not to stay on the bleacher

But instead put myself in the game

To do great things and make myself a name.

They each inspire me to live, learn, and love

So my greatness of life can reach the stars above.

~9/24/10~

## Goodbye

Don't talk to me. No, I said don't talk to me. I've already wasted too much time with you. Don't talk to me. Just leave me alone. I don't need to give you an explanation. I'm not talking to you. I have someone to meet. Don't you have somewhere to go too? Just stop bothering me and go home. You are filling me with frustration. Why should you care, aren't you free? You take no responsibility for what you do. Get away from me now, you're on your own. There is no need for complication. I don't care. I never have. Just leave and stay away. I'm cutting you off right now. There is nothing left to say. ~05/13/10~

#### **Hatred**

I hate being singled out
And some one put my friends in doubt
And my anger disperses at wrong times
But all I can do is rhyme
Because that's how I let my feelings out
But I feel dead from inside to out
I wish I knew what happened but can't figure out what did
My life filled withe sudden depression because someone hurt another and hid
They sent a horrid message of antipathy and set me onto a shameful path
I have started to cry from someone's lie and now I separate to a life of wrath
~2008~

#### Here Alone

Why am I here alone And I here a silent tone There's no one by my side And I'm here alone inside Why can't I be with you baby And help you with your homework maybe Because I need to be with you And I know you need me too, so Why can't you be here with me Don't you know we're meant to be Even if you don't believe If I came I would not leave I guess you just don't see That we are meant to be And now it's known Why I'm here alone ~2007~

## Home? Or Confusion?

When I am mad I'm just sad with anger I feel as if my life has been left on a hanger I stay at home with no where to go And I feel lost wandering to and fro Should I stay or go, that's what I ask But I stay at home keeping on my mask One day I'll go but not right now I will leave soon, I just don't know how ~2008~

## Honesty

I'm gonna tell the truth no matter what
I'll stick to my word for it is not corrupt
Whether they believe me or not
I'll tell the truth while it's hot
Not a lie will come from me
Because that antipathy
Is not of mine
But someone else along the line
That is being hurtful and won't come out saying
What they did for their fear for pain and for hating
~2008~

#### Hurt

When I was rather young I lived with both my mom and dad Although there was always something wrong With the kind of mom I had No matter where we were She would always start a mess She filled up all our lives With so much unwanted stress With the pain she left me No matter how bad it felt I would have to hold it all Because so much was dealt Even when I was breaking down I would not say a word Since no one seemed to care about What happened to this girl But no matter what is said And laid upon my plate I will keep moving forward And take control of my own fate ~05/14/10~

#### I Can Do This

Damn, this is harder than I thought The outside is fine but inside is a whirlwind I can restrict my actions and my words But the feeling has a mind of it's own I can't stop it, it feels to good I won't impose it on you though I'll keep to my unspoken promise Even if I didn't tell you it yet I'll do my best for you to feel happy My personal affairs don't matter to me much They never have and may never will But that is not at issue here I simply need to find a way To make my insides calm each day I'm sorry for not telling you all these things But I think I can do this ~04/14/11~

#### I Can'T Let You Go

Hello Love, It's me once again

I know you're turning me down even though I've yet to be told

It scared me at first but now I know

I cannot let you go no matter how young or old

I know that right now I'm young

My emotions are supposed to be subject to change

But my feelings for you are old in the years of love

It's been living on for more than two years and will not restrain

I have dreamt many times of us together

I have also dreamt of you telling me that you cannot love me the same

So many nights I've woken with tears streaming

They've soaked my hair and pillow leaving me confused and insane

But even with all of my doubts of ever finding love

I know that no matter what happens I'll never be able to let you go

I may play it cool, I may just break down

But I know for sure that through out it all my love for you will still grow

Even if you never come around to the idea of me and you

I will always love you with my heart forever true

(08/19/11)

#### If I Could Rule The World

If I could rule the world I would love to see the people drown.

If they all burned in hell they would only scream for sound.

It would be quite a sight to watch them burn to death.

All the ones who hurt me just to waste another breath.

Do i care? why should i? the world is going to hell.

No one loves, no one cares. Nothing is going well.

Can't you see? Can't you tell?

The world is going to hell.

If I take over maybe i'd try to make the world go well.

I know i may hold grudges. I know i may fall down.

But all i ever do is try but no one ever cares.

Why should i care?

Why should i care for the world that tries to break me down?

I don't have many people, but the one that holds me close.

She is the one that likes pry and hurt me the most.

But i love her. She is my life, she is my love, she will be my wife.

I don't want to hurt, I don't want to die.

Not the way i feel inside.

Sometimes i wounder. " does she really love me? "

But i don't know. I'll never know.

All i can do is assume.

She says she loves me but says it's not true.

Tell me, just tell me, what on earth would you do?

06/28/12

## If Love Could Rule The World

If love could rule the world
It may one day be kind
Since hate is all I see
Goodwill is forever blind
If all I get to see
Are good acts left behind
Then society will crumble
And the world will lose its mind

## I'Ll Keep On

I wish I could tell you but I can't It would be pointless anyway You already know what I want to say But I still won't tell you on any day If I seem conflicted It's okay I'm just trying to figure things out The way I feel, the way I am I'm trying to clear up my doubts One thing that I know for sure Is that I want you even more I thought I'd be able to simmer down But I can't, you always fire me up I'll be waiting for you a while But I don't even know if you'll arrive I'm still waiting for my chance to thrive I'm here for you ~04/17/11~

## I'M Sorry

I'm stupid and I'm sorry I know you're not mad But I'm making you worry And I'm making you sad I was out of it when it happened I don't actually remember doing it But it's the only way it could have gotten there I remember after though It was still in my hand So my mind just connected the dots From the one over here to the one over there I'm sorry for not talking I just keep on forgetting that there are people that actually care I'm not as bad as I was when I did it I can think better now, if only just a hair My senses are clearing from the shrowd of darkness That I had spun around myself I promise to try to stop what I'm doing So that you won't have to go to extremes It happened last week but the mark is still there I forget that I heal rather slowly It wasn't that bad though I'm sorry for hiding I seem to be running low on common sense I know that you care and I should be trying No matter how pointless to me things seem I lost my grip for more than a second So now I'll try to make this a better dream ~03/20/11~

## I'Ve Done Nothing Wrong

Me? What have I done?
All I ever do is try.
Why must you yell at me?
Are you mad that I won't die?
I've done nothing wrong to you
And yet here we are.

You act like I'm your slave
To do everything you should.
But I am a human being
To be treated well and good.
I've done nothing wrong to you
So stop being cruel to me.
The more you yell and scream
The more angry I come to be.
I haven't hit you nor hurt you
So why do you complain?
I try so hard to please you
But everything stays the same.
~05/15/10~

## **Knowing**

I didn't tell you and didn't need to You already had an idea I know how you see me yet it doesn't hurt I'll be anything for you A friend, a lover, or even like a sister I accept it with open arms They ask if I'm okay and really, I am I don't feel sad or hurt, just understanding I like knowing, wondering makes me think I like wondering at times though, I still pretend I probably shouldn't but it's a world I mend My reality is anything but, yet it is to me I take the common world and fabricate my own So now what should hurt me is just another dream It's stupid, I know, but I can't seem to give up I'm a happy idiot ~04/14/11~

## Lifetime

It's seven twenty-five, I don't feel alive and nor do I feel departed I'm sitting at home all alone as if I'm empty hearted I am unable to sense anyone else's being For I am dull and have no feeling I thrash about with a doubt wondering of my existence Asking why with no reply but I keep up my persistence Days go by as I wonder why I can't figure out my reason But in time I'll find my answer as we go season to season ~2008~

#### **Lost Chances**

It's sad to watch your chance expire I've waited so long and now I'm too late It hurts when I think about it I've lost what I've been dreaming of I wish I could have to you what I felt But would it have worked out anyway? I'm not meant for happiness at all All that I want is taken from me If my childhood wish had come true Then I wouldn't have to feel any of this I want to scream, shout, and cry But I can't do a single one Sadly I'll hold it all inside There is no point for me to try I'll vent it out somehow or somewhere But I won't tell you ~04/29/11~

## **Only You**

I continue to hurt and I don't want to But now I even dream of her with you I'm a failure at life with no consolation I'm worthless and foolish with little to do Again and again I make many a wish But what I wanted was not to be this The way I'm going I won't find anyone I sit and mope inside while nothing is done I play back all the times dreamed of you All my thoughts, all my wants, only of you Then it always ends with my failure I've lost you once again I spent all my time longer than known Ignoring the strings being pulled on my heart But I'd already missed my chance with you I've lost it again

~04/30/11~

## **Pain**

Why do I feel this way
I have this sinking pain
It grows deeper everyday
Since all my actions end in vain
I can't take it any longer
This darkness in my heart
I wish that I was stronger
So I won't fully fall apart
~2009~

## **Painless**

The Lord knows who didn't do it and knows who did
But for the one that did it may God forbid
That when they would confess
That there would be no stress
That there would be no pain
And would be no strain
For no one to be mean or hurting
To make the other's heart start shivering
~2008~

#### Rain

It's raining right now and I feel sad
But at the same time I feel better not bad
It's dark and wet but this period is brief
And although no one's around I feel some relief
It's like the rain is cleansing washing my sadness away
Getting rid of all the burdens I carry each day
But when it is over and all the rain goes
I hope the happiness continuously shows
~2008~

#### Refreshed

Who would believe me? I don't know what I would think Who would attest to my notions of love? I would assume my credibility would shrink If you were to read my analysis of thought Would you think I'm crazy or simply distraught? I ask too many questions for you and for me But I guess the way I feel now is too good to believe I've denied it, I've suppressed it, I've left it all to chance But how quickly my heart fell into a new romance I used to believe that such a thing were false To love someone so quickly would be a big faux pas But you know what? I don't care I can feel happiness in my air I've left my love of pain My heart's reborn again So many questions So little answers But maybe a bit of ambiguity is nice for us all I'm happy, I love it, I'm not afraid to fall The love that I feel right now is better than before I'm not trying to change myself to fit to her decor We fit well together kind of like lock and key It's honest, we're happy, and I am truly me

01/06/12

It sometimes feels like I'm in heaven's arms
But then it feels like I've been thrust to earth
But in recent times I've been under charms
I was so gloomy but now in rebirth
The stalemate of life has put me to rest
And i yearn for ways to get myself back
Due to the pains of the heart in my chest
A feeling of joy is what I did lack
It took me time to recover my heart
The time well spent to reflect each mistake
I had help to keep from falling apart
The boy who helped me became my new take
And then one day i had found a new source
That set me onto a new likings course
~06/2009~

Even though I have had a rough childhood I can still take the time to live my life I might not do some of the things I should But that's just from being stuck in the strife So many conflicts that I did endure But I do not want to go back to then The pains I wish I could throw out the door I pray in order to do that, Amen Broken to pieces are my emotions It's like I tried to glue them together But some parts fall due to the corruptions From all the past pains that came from thither All I can do now is regain my strengths Then my happiness can grow to more lengths ~06/2009~

The state of relaxation is what I yearn
To get away from stress and find my home
No school to make me wait and have to learn
Let the water come and turn me to foam
To be at the beach is what I wish for
To lie in the sun and feel radiant
My feet in the water near the seashore
Water, sand, and sun; each ingredient
The end of the day to find my own place
Someone to find me and take me away
A new place to go and start my own race
With someone to be there and stay everyday
If only my life was like in my dreams
It would be much better than how it seems
~06/2009~

The first day of finals is really stressed
You study a lot to ensure you pass
Everyone tells you to go pass the test
All you can do is study and learn in class
You stay up late to remember the words
But it is hard since there is so much noise
You wish you had friends that were super smart nerds
but the ones you have are av'rage girls and boys
You have to pencils and are ready to go
Then you get the test and you are confused
You read all the words again really slow
You understand now and you are amused
It's all over now and you get an A
Everyone's happy and you shout 'Hooray! '
~06/2009~

## **Suffering**

I hate when I'm alone and these thought run through my head So much pain and turmoil that makes me often dread The sadness of my end to those that hold me close And rips apart this heart that keeps me as a host ~2009~

## **Suppositious**

I used to think I was normal and everything was the same Until I came to realize that cold blood runs through my veins Although my heart's been pumping I've always felt rather cold Then the thought that i was normal became a story never told I saw my blood as it dropped to the floor When I saw it was blue I ran to the door I thought it was a trick played by my eyes It had turned red to my surprise As I thought I came to the conclusion This blue blood cannot be an illusion I thought it could not be real for I am alive Until I came to realize my life was a lie ~2009~

## **Unnatural Disaster**

Sitting down while the world is turning, watching pictures pass me by.

Can't get up, my mind is burning, water streaming from my eyes.

The tears won't quench the burning fire that is raging from my heart.

Why can't you see your questioning is only tearing me apart.

I don't know how I don't know when but please just let me go to sleep.

My body won't stop quaking now I'm falling in the darkness deep.

I cannot breathe please make this stop I don't think I can hold myself.

I cannot see I cannot think I've drifted off my worldly shelf.

If only you could understand what has been storming in my mind.

Maybe then you'd start to try and let me have my life unwind.  $\sim 02/19/11 \sim$ 

#### What I Do

I seem to always be thinking too much now Pondering how to make things work I can easily make myself pull back I just need to think of what bothers you I'm over possessive and like having control But that is not how I should let this roll I'll work on myself to be your support I'll help you when you need me and maybe more I'll work to make you happy, not please myself I'd feel better to see you happy anyway I know how you feel enough to try and help I'm not one to succumb to jealousy I'm more the kind to help get what you want I'd stay by your side and walk quietly I will not give biased opinions, I generally don't I simply talk and listen ~04/15/11~

#### What I'Ve Done

Tell me right now what I have done wrong Since that is what seems you believe in so strong. Have I beat you and hurt you upon the floor? Slapped you and smacked you to speak no more? Kicked you and punched you on your own bed? Would not let you breathe until you turned red? No, I have not done any of these Yet you continue to yell and put me on my knees. You verbally abuse me when I've yet to harm you And I become mad but with nothing to do. With your words you beat me until my insides bleed But for all this antagonism there is no need. You treat me so bad as if I'm a whore And throw all my needs right out the door. All I am to you is a puppet on strings But I am not any of these things. No longer will I wait for you to slap me So be ready to feel what pain I send to thee. ~05/15/10~

#### You

I'm not patient yet I wait for you I'm stingy yet I always want to give to you I'm lazy but for you I go that extra mile I don't understand it but I don't want to think I don't even know when this came to my attention But when I'm with you it just feels so right You calm me down, you warm me up You make me think, you make me daydream You make me wonder, you let me know We fit together kind of like lock and key We play, we laugh, we tease, we comfort We share, we talk, we cry, we listen I guess all that I really want right now is you You don't have to think much bout it I just want to be yours ~04/13/11~