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# In A Global Meeting.

Shut up Nigeria!  
This meeting is for men,  
If you lack shame,  
Go to the lame.

Keep quiet and be mute,  
You shameless promiscuous thing,  
Because you've refused to think,  
An elephant never think a mighty thing.

A flag on divorce talk  
Aso rock on sandy pillars  
Riding on borrowed cars  
Keep quiet, never frog.

Show me your right wombs in this Sodom  
A field planted by brambles  
Withering the green grasses  
Leave here and face your doom!

Your skin brothers despise you  
For the untimely grave of the widow  
You've made self a black  
Sheep of your dark skin, a road house.

Oh, giant elephant of barren forest,  
The synagogue of rapists and harlots,  
A homeless uniform,  
Beautifully deaf and dumb.

Greenish global terrorist,  
Kidnapping grasses to savannahs,  
All hail beautiful pollution!  
Suing peace to the swamp and graves.

Shut up Nigeria in meeting of great men  
You, who sails on strange vessels  
To diverse coast. Tell me  
You dead of no grave

What will you be remembered for?

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# Playing Death.

Death do not dance!  
There's no victory yet  
Do not celebrate yet  
There comes erosion for my grave.

Death do not jump!  
There's no victory yet  
Look up  
There comes thunder for my corpse.

Death do not laugh!  
There's no victory yet  
Look back,  
There comes the wind for my soul.

Death lay your pride  
There's no victory yet  
He's paid my price  
There comes Mercy for me.

Death, that wasn't an handshake  
Do not pray  
You, I play  
You're death  
I am life.

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# The Devil In The Classroom

My buttock you've flogged  
Till my legs leaped like a frog  
But, you were my devil  
And I cursed God for bringing me to your vigil.

My heart was in flame  
To set you once ablaze  
Because of your hands of steel  
My future holdstill the wheel.

I was your lamb!  
And you my knife

You took me to your shrine  
Butchered like a lamb

When you visited my Stars  
To chase my illss  
With your iron fists  
Today, I am a man  
Steady on a hill  
When you held me still.

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# As A Lamb In Your Shrine

When the world reflect me not  
on her daily reflections. Not  
that I am evil and ugly than a thing  
but that I should bury in you forlorn thing  
verses about all revolving around  
rhymes igniting the world  
poems for her who's blinded by corruption  
music for her existing in illusion.

When myself fails my face  
So, I beseeched another to favour my face  
But, a hand is a friend to the body  
Who can attend to my face's story.

When evils mask my beauty  
And the Sun casts one out from His duty  
Only poetry employs in all purity  
And speaks in all sincerity.

Take me to your abattoir and slaughter  
Imbibe my blood and infuse your Muse

Isn't follies fall four thousand times  
One fooling poetry pays public shames  
Won't poetry mirrors man's mind demanding no apology  
What gives follies to the comedy?

But, when the world reflect me not!  
So, I come to your shrine  
To be slaughtered and sacrifice (d)  
Open your calabash, let me walk in  
Evoke the muse that I may be knot.

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# It Is Late

Time go to bed,  
It's late,  
Wash no plate,  
Leave life to dead.

Time walk away,  
Fear not this day,  
It is late,  
The end approaches its date.

Time wait no more,  
Life's adversary provokes her sore,  
Bid the farewell,  
Four is the wall.

The most shortest time,  
Is the living time,  
Make most of it,  
Judgement comes for it.

Time go,  
Death is inevitable,  
Judgement is inescapable,  
You must let go.

Wear your shoes,  
Sky sets sunny tears,  
Cloud pregnant heavy rain,  
Let the Moon wane,  
Time respect no hair.

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# Genocidal Dance.

Father Abraham,  
Have many sons,  
Not as Adam's sons,  
Cain who caused Abel harm.

One from Sarah,  
Another from Hagar,  
From the house of Pharaoh!  
Slave, concubine in days of sorrow.

Isaac and Ishmael are a testicle,  
From different vagina,  
Coming with different miracle (s) ,  
Pursuing heavenly arena.

Why are their offsprings!  
In my generation of tasteless blood,  
Why so unforgiving,  
In the salvation of the merciful Lord?

Band is play for joy to dance,  
Hearts hardy, humanity hue (s) ,  
Harts sturdy, souls weary,  
Oh Greenfield, elephants grows your grasses!

It had rained for long,  
Yes, all had gone wrong,  
Should the dreary weather drag us all alive!  
Sue us to the storm,  
Erosion runs red race!  
Flowing blood to the stream.

Here is the thunder!  
Please, let's not prosecute the strike,  
Else, our pool becomes an ocean of blood,  
Where lifejackets betrayed life to death.

Please! these guns are not good friend,  
They sue elites to morning graves,

With perplexities at Christmas' end,  
As trees grow on murderers' hearts.

Let all grasses bow on the same field  
For all horns grow to the Sky  
Why should we take the Thor  
Of the supernatural with our mortal hands  
Blocking the door from the window  
But all things are the Lord.

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# The Truth About The War

The truth about the war is wearing dark  
Walking about in every hearts  
The victims breath because we're dark  
The fingerprints grow ignorant grasses on the hearts.

We're limbs when light sued darkness for divorce  
Not as monkeys when many lighters fleeted here  
With future darkness in present lights  
Fleeted away our peace, set up an eternal fights.

The steps to our graves were distant hill  
Grey grasses honoured our bald  
Yes, death was an executive commissioner  
Not as this daily womanizer.

The path to the sky was a straight, narrow line  
What's this diversity in worship!  
With invention of diverse warship (s)  
Fouling humanity in so claims Divine

How shall we escape so great a danger!  
With double-edge dagger  
Oh life! bring back some dead!  
Showcase many did.

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# That They May Be Free.

From the cavity of a true fight is peace,  
And the wounds on fighters are rights,  
The struggling is fairness,  
And the victory is divine.

Freedom crawls, leaps, heaps,  
Against the marginalization, injustice, failures,  
Because, freedom is in Yahoo's cage,  
And just few eyes see through your gate,

But, when fighting stays out late,  
Only remember that many will be late.

But boots that standstill,  
Climb no hill,  
Fighters that withdrawn,  
Freedom turns Lot's wife.

Oh, Nnamdi you're an evil child,  
The spirit of Achebe who evoked things fall apart,  
The invocation of Okonkwo's feathers,  
For freedom is pride at right.

Oh Mandela, my flag hued a distant dark tears,  
As her toilers arrested, imprisoned, executed,  
Since corruption becomes,  
A mighty man in battle in the dark forest,  
Freedom today's a peace talk with enemies,

So, where's the elbow to my national flag,  
When silence bereaved the coat of arms,  
Not as when fighters fervently drag,

Men so tired do they stay quiet!  
Without great cost, how pay men the price,  
Who neglected daily diets,  
Moving swamp to savannah for freedom.

Oh freedom, are you freely given?

Oh, which good debtor clears debts in peace  
So, men for freedom leaped uneven!  
For the spoilers of the present piece.

In the multitude of your tender mercies  
Please show the dark forest mercy  
And to my tattered flag waving for help  
Who'll free you from persistent debt.

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# Amazing Grace

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
In the struggling of fighters  
For the freedom of wanderers.

Amazing grace!  
How sweet the sound  
In the resistance of Mandala  
And the stubbornness of Nnamdi

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
In the multitude of tender mercies  
Men triumph over darkness in hell

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
In the unbreakable stand for freedom  
Of the past, presence hearts

Only to be remembered  
By tight fight we've won for freedom.

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# Dust On The Green Bible.

Dust on the green Bible,  
Rotting righteousness, holiness in the Bible  
And now comes the time,  
The Lord gives her a worthy portions,  
For the Lord loves the wicked everytime,  
So, he shuts up her peace,  
As in the ridding of Absalom,  
Like the fame of a wicked in doom,  
The Lord is fretting the Greenfield,  
And her adversary provokes her sore,  
With the heavy steels from the womb of Hagar,  
Because the Lord has shut up her peace  
So, the dusty bible hues to the mount,  
Wails to the Sky as rising death refuses to die.  
She's bitter in her soul,  
Very callous on her stool,  
Wearing white cloaks on stinky skin,  
How's dark, calmly elephant in slavery chain!  
Spoiling the toiling of distant pains,  
Your Moon is daily wanes!  
As darkness quickly moves,  
With heavy graves planting daily here,  
The Storm wears garments unclear,  
Wait, is it the feasts for fists,  
Or the Christmas of guns?  
But, this wound's win when,  
Hearts grow grasses on onion,  
Where a knife for one's a knife for all,  
A pot of oil for one's a pot of oil for all.  
Sandy is the foundation of green Bible!  
Why won't erosion runs her to the West,  
Like the Lord isn't in everywhere,  
Is he deaf dumb to prayers!  
Why won't cloud gathering on green prayers?  
Oh Greenfield, elephants of the dark forest,  
Where's the fist of her elbows,  
What's this pride has done,  
Just walking about a soundless gong,  
Seeking salvation from piano song,

A self-made author, finisher of modern faith,  
Faulted globally that he's coming for wealth.  
Oh, how a little leaven leavens a whole loom!  
A drop of blood bloody the whole field,  
School has closed,  
Here are the assessment report of failures.  
'Destroy the enemies of your children Lord! ',  
But, God is not a murderer,  
A creator of the earth of murderer  
He only heartened the stiff-necked,  
As when they stoned Stephen to dead,  
Oh, dusty green bible do you pray?  
Living on the mountain to blame  
How could you sees through a dusty window!  
To know the signs of the end coming  
In her immediate becoming.

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# Moral Decadence In Our Society.

They were giant rocks in the earth,  
In those days of worth,  
Crystal lakes flowed in the daughters of men,  
And to them, they bore children,  
Eagles not chickens,  
And the right spirit strived with men!  
They lived here before great and renown men,  
They broke through before us this Sodom.

There's a screen beyond all hairs,  
Who watches the wickedness of then and now,  
And the continual multiplication of thoughts,  
Evil and good shall stand erect and bow.

Time is a mighty deceiver!  
Regardlessly flying above dark and grey,  
The moulder shall destroy who he's moulded,  
Will there be another time for this nudity?

All wrongs to morality shall not decay!  
This maltreatment to privacy shall all pay,  
Both man and beast,  
Creeping things and fowls,  
In the multitude of this tender mercies,  
In the wrath of consuming fire.

What's this anger on this day  
Speeding legs to sorrowful graves  
Evoking thunderstorms on the hairs  
With no homely carpet to lay?

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# The Peace Of Mind.

This peace of mind,  
Coming not from above,  
On your stool like a dove,  
It is not a peace of mind.

This peace of mind,  
Before you all today,  
But, it is temporary,  
Crying in the final glory.

This peace of mind,  
Stealing from the masses,  
Please, remember we're all visitors here,  
Where will looters sojourn over there?

This peace of mind,  
Covering like the snails,  
Pressing with political stones,  
Traditional calabashes, religious crosses  
That they may not crawled away,  
But, it is a temporary,  
And when is the day,  
Never a peace of mind.

This peace of mind,  
Reshaping our daily conscience,  
Blinding our vision,  
How's it a pure science?

This peace of mind,  
Oh, our shower of blessings,  
But, how soon we've forgotten,  
That there can be a rain,  
Beating us by the way,  
Erosion visits the reign,  
With mighty flood of blood,  
Hasting road red with frogging toad (s) .

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# Farewell To My Joy

Thanks for the brief presence together  
Let it not be an history  
That once we're on a tree  
Only time flies us together.

It was nature passed away with us  
But time has come and parted us  
You were Joy, and I was Promise  
At this grave may we hello our demise.

Beautiful is you like a footwear  
No matter the weight, Men set no tear (s)  
But, on your voyage prays I  
That the Sky lightens the weight of my lie.

My heart, you'll never live displeased!  
Let the Sky smiles over your mistakes  
But watch, lest you faint  
In every draft, what's your gain.

Yes, pain is real as Death  
But, for Joy why will eyes wept  
In trivial failure hearts kiss the wealth  
In trivial issues Life rapes the lock.

The story is true as you and me  
In this modern dark forest  
Where true love lacks bed to sleep  
That we from the window look and peep.

Wait, must this world ends in Twitterpated turmoil  
Disrupting the amorous feeling abruptly  
When we're enamored with them solely.

'I didn't like you', mouth says to heart  
' We're not dating, but having fun'  
' I have a guy, I love my guy'  
' Don't call me again, It is over'.  
It is no Nollywood but sweet lines from her

She whose tomorrow is firmed  
Life and fortune in constant terms  
A single tree of the forest!  
A woman not our human.

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# The Price For Love.

It revolves my dear  
The price for love is tear  
But in a distance year  
May we have peace to wear.

We're alive my dear  
Do not live in fear  
After the cloud the Sky is clear  
There's no undefeatable deer.

Love isn't a bottle of beer  
Else one lives dies a cocaine bear  
Calling even the devil dear sir  
Living old age without care.

Love isn't a bath in a stream  
Sometimes love opens a mouth and scream  
Bringing its worshippers off the dream  
Rubbing alcohol a sorrowful cream.

Love climbs a hill in pain (s)  
Looking the valley in vain  
Giving up it flesh for slain  
Suffering bruises of not just cane.  
Oh, the distance to love isn't plain  
Don't expect to fly on plane  
Every hearts should be trained  
Every sorrows make some gains.

The price for love isn't coins  
Love cuts the heart to loins  
Yes or no, we're its pawn  
Before the coffin, it wears some Crown.

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# On Heaven's Thought.

Hairs are running race  
Racing to the vain. Dance

The masquerades on heavenly pulpits  
And Lucifer is the lord on today's cross

Who'll blow the horn  
Maybe the wind can make a U-turn  
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# The Final Move

Have you heard!

The hunter's gun will fall  
Trumpet sound breaks the wall  
Corrupted ears can't hear the call  
Few will climb the tall.

Have you heard!  
Life will wake the dead  
Sorrows will wed the world  
Life will be a card

Have you heard!

Commotions will seize the Earth  
Parts will depart the body  
Will there be room for wealth!  
There will be judgement for everybody

Don't you heard!

Soon the end will come  
The merciful soon a consuming fire  
The wrath will be great  
The lost will be late.

Have you heard!

Time to try is now  
Tears to set is now  
Repentance is now  
Will there be time after now?

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# Corruption In Nigeria

Run win when  
The rain race roof  
Like pal pen Paul  
And Sarah sat sad.

By the rail clicking clock  
And the Bishop in dirty cloak  
From a window  
I saw a helpless widow

And her Sky wasn't blue  
And the Sun living half  
Our Nation have dead cue  
And our justice a sharpless blade

Going to a farm clearing no bush  
And the widow without a hoe  
Weeds whole bush  
And had her bath in dew.

Quarrel broke like a broken glass  
Pieces fly a distance league  
Hit the uniforms in the class  
Blind a Nation in Greenish wig.

How a drop of water floods a Nation  
Pulling out all limitation  
Stains national fingers  
Plants sunny dangers.

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# In His Name

In your name  
They came

To steal  
To kill

They claimed  
We're lamed.

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# Deaf Dumb Human Ears

Falling ten thousand steps by the passway  
Before ten trillion blind eyes  
Seeking alms for the next day  
And every movable hands died.

She cried aloud  
In great fist with hunger  
But the day blocked her screams  
Like wickedness drying our streams.

Finally death triumphed over life  
And sorrow spat on joy  
And a personality became toy  
So, all eyes opened and mouth cry  
Blaming and accusing death  
Acquitted and dismissed their wealth.

Who want to touch a corpse  
With a dead alive finger  
Who want to bear the cross  
Of a pathfinder asker?

Humanity, you're dead!  
Died a shameful death  
In the society's heart  
Where virtue wears no hat.

Woe to the stumbling blocks  
Making bricks for our country  
Woe to the matchless feet  
Ridding on national horses.

Woe to the Law  
Restricting the flow  
Woe to the erosions  
Flowing not to the dust.

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# All Surrender.

I loosed it all  
To have it all

Like a hero  
Here are we zero

Who sit on shame  
And do not blame

Because we wear the mask  
Why won't we lack

What here sustain (s)  
How do we contend

Now debate  
Can it be a bait!

To and from of that  
In a speed of light

Still I'm than a pauper  
Only to be remember (ed)

I surrender!  
That I may not wander.

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