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This chapbook is dedicated to my loving mother
Mrs. Memitan Igoni and my siblings Margret,
Kosuni and Queen

GLARING

I stare in the mirror all day
To see a reflection of me
How did I come this far
All I wanted was a pay
My belle has the alarm
It rings when I get hungry
Can I sleep through time?

If so how do I make a dime
What I think to do for the rest
Is to keep for the future invest
I can't see the next generations
send me photos of future nations
I have to do what I can now
that I got my vision glaring

Sonnet 1

MAN GOT LOST

Walking back home from work
On an evening with clement weather
Man got lost in thoughts
From where does the stream begin?
How were rocks formed and do they grow?
How the old watched TV in black and white
and currency the coins we're all picking why?
And then I realize it's all a part of creation
Natural creations made by God the Supreme
And creations made by gods whom we are
How can machines be made to do the work
Of a thousand persons and saving time
Where did such knowledge come from
Man got lost to self-realization

Sonnet 2

CAN'T SAY GOODBYE

Many moments we shared together
Although you're not here I got memories
We'll work out together burning calories
With hands held praying to be better
Your words keep echoing in my head
I refuse to believe you're dead
I can't say goodbye cause you're here

If I was to turn back the hands of time
We'll go back to repair the sands of time
I will do no different than listen to you
Be by your side and stand with you
How I always admired your way
The way you move and how you sway
I can't say goodbye cause you're here

Sonnet 3

PURE

Let my mind be spiced with purity
I think of good always with clarity
How can I reason fine with dirt
All up in my thoughts I swear
Going forward has never been easy
Many friction scrubbing and greasy
Reflection is pure in a clean water

Mirror on the wall show my mind
With the sunlight I must shine
Let there be no darkness within
Temptations all around waiting
But in the flames I burn longer
When all alone I feel stronger
Living peacefully and play my part.

Sonnet 4

VOICE

Let us know what is right or not
Let's all live as one blood in love
Even robots do loose some nuts
we all love to land on nice talks
If only we can listen to each other
And working in a proper order
Then the voice has done it's work

Make open a conversation
And get to hear the next person
Put questions to find out reasons
From spoken words the mind view
We are all different in our views
Without speaking no one hears
Let the voice be the tool

Sonnet 5

IN MY FEELING

Look in my eyes and see my feeling
It's deep, your words are my healing
I see vague but with you sight is clear
I need you always to be here and dear
hold hands and begin a thousand mile
Journey of forever, say yes and be mine
So many good stored in my feeling

Lead and I will surely follow to anywhere
Please don't hurt me and it's same here
Reach into my heart and see its depth
What I feel for you from now till death
Through the thin we'll stick together
Breaking many boundaries to get her
So many good stored in my feeling

Sonnet 6

COLD

Oh how I love to sing a song from old
It makes me strong and makes me bold

All alone is a hermit life I was told
But even in its raw form gold is gold

At the valley climbing to the mountain
From the aquifer I shoot like a fountain

Year to year this life keeps counting
I see opportunity for success, mount in

All that's needed is to shake of the heat
It's a race to run and challenges to beat
The main race is always for what to eat
Time tick in seconds it's why we breath

In the summer things feel so hot

In the winter we fight the cold

Sonnet 7

PARTICLES

Fading away into atoms of things
My mind, body and soul flings
To contain all within I can't
The words just come and I write

They come firstly in fragment
Vibrate the mind into a magnet
Deep in a world of no extent
The pen soars and it's free

A flow never ending like the Nile
Words to cover a million mile
Particles of art are brought together
Painting pictures with alphabets

Fading away into atom
Particles so little I see

Sonnet 8

FALL

Let me not fall on my way up
Least I stumble but I don't stop
To fall a lesson to rise is strength
It's all the stories along the track

How I always aim to rise
I'm willing to pay the price
It's all work and sacrifice
Every day we toil to strive

And the circle of life is wavy
Some days things get hazy
Get up and don't be lazy
The land is green for grazing

I pray always not to fall
keep going and stand tall

Sonnet 9

RIVERSIDE

Sitting at the riverside to feel nature
Beyond the water heaven meets earth
In the river there are lots of creature
Many of them all different from birth

And the cool breeze blowing non-stop
like the trees by the bank with deep root
I stay firm and reinvent all my thoughts
I look in the river and I see me at the top

If only my words can flow to unending
Send them on river reaching everyone
From the Niger Delta to the whole world
If wishes were boat, I'll sail all day long

At the river bank, closed eyes, sitting
Meditating to relate with what's unseen

Sonnet 10

LONELY

I can't get lonely with you by my side
A lot to talk about and how you smile
Protecting each other day and night
The bond we share can't be torn apart

Holding hands we can cross all bridge
Going all alone I get scared of the ridge
There has been no head without a shoulder
That's why with you I want to grow older

For these reasons I do this preaching
I'll listen to you, just do the teaching
I know I can't always be right or correct
You strike the balance and keep all erect

If there comes a time I'm lonely
Let me be lonely with you.

Sonnet 11

SAIL

I am sitting alone by the sea side
Cold night, broken engine, just tide
Songs from the birds keeps me up
Will love a fine brew coffee, no cup

Out of the water comes a maiden
You look stressed, come be laid in
She said with words like magic
I said, hope it doesn't end tragic

Come eat a meal and she said
Just one bite you're gone forever
Come with me to your dreamland
Together we'll be the best band

I'll grant your wishes I said
Fix my boat let's go on sail

Sonnet 12

UNKNOWN

Suddenly I wake and find myself in a place
Looking all around to find what I can taste
Dark room, no path it's all box up in a case
Search for light became the utmost race

A place filled with hunger and lots of thirst
I have to build from scratch with better taste
I call on the angels to come quicken the pace
So many hard work and labor I have to face

The light shun, enlightenment came on man
Rays that could tear up the sun into pieces
Burning desire to keep moving non pause
Following onwards to where it gets bright

What do I do in an unknown place?
Follow the light as my saving grace.

Sonnet 13

ISOLATION

How do we win this in a crowded world
Self-isolation that leads to being bored
Social distance to fight the virus born
Many lives trying to stay strong are torn

We are at risk to what we didn't form
From the kitchen the problem come
Now we freely can't cough or sneeze
You do so and you're told to freeze

Solution to the pandemic is being alone
Ghost town, no movement just phone
Real time lives are lost, number goes up
You and me will not drink from this cup

The government is doing what it can
Self-isolation is key to win this war

Sonnet 14

SPLIT SECONDS

Split seconds things go from wrong to right

We spit words hoping to shine the light

Many years of walking unto where it's bright

Each step we take is to avoid much fight

In Split seconds dry eyes can turn and cry

After efforts of surviving things crash why

Years of savings, can't go to the market to buy

In split seconds the birds take off and fly

I see you, in split seconds then you're gone

Heaviest of hearts I feel since I was born

Even till now I feel my emotions still burn

In split seconds my heart turn to steel born

If only this world will be revised all back

Now I write poems in reverse, read back

Sonnet 15

GROW

Oh how I dream to grow so big
Up in the sky like coast redwood
Spread my horizon to reach all end
It's a process and I'm willing to tend

Feed my mind with nutrients healthy
Pour more water till it gets so wealthy
Keep away the bad eggs that are weed
Patiently growing up despite slow speed

Let the sunlight shine to aide me grow
Future looking bright, that's why I sow
The rain is falling and it's time to drink
From abundance the mind won't sink

These seeds are planted in my head
But yet I nurture and watch them grow

Sonnet 16

OTHER HALF

She's my other half, upgrade of me
Different thoughts, we're same soul
How beautiful life will be with you
Words refreshing like morning dew

Your voice reaches far beyond this
Even in my sleep I hear your call
Words to describe you are in thin air
I searched all around to find such lair

I found you and I'm never letting go
I'll trust in you no matter where I go,
I'll keep coming back home to you
To your well cooked rice and stew

How you make me feel this way
My other half makes me whole

Sonnet 17

BIRDS

I sit and watch how birds do fly away
They lift, spread their wings and soar
I'm jealous of how the birds are free
No engines, no smokes, flight spree

No stoves, no pots but yet they feed
From tree to tree they have lots of meal
They don't get sick when up in the sky
The wind washes their sorrow as they fly

If you find a bird shed tears, tell me why
You can't see a free bird die of starvation
A bird locked in the cage is low on capacity
Birds are born free that's why they tend high

If I am to come back again to this world
I'll want to be free as the birds of the air

Sonnet 18

TURN OF DAYS

Life won't always be happy days
There are days when tears may fall
Pains that are deeper than the oceans
We keep going cause blood flows in us

We take decisions at every turn
Cause we can't let the kids to burn
Or let their minds be filled with wrong
Midst of difficulty we sing happy songs

We show that there is strength in love
Being united is always the best of tool
Staying calm, bringing peace like the dove
With all these together war is far from us

There is always consequences in life
If you take the wrong turn you may get hit

Sonnet 19

WISHES

I wish things to get better even when good
I wish to see smiles of the next generation
I wish the air we breathe never gets polluted
And the water we drink staying clean always

I wish parents to be filled with smiles often
That their kids bring to them results of joy
I wish there was one voice that keeps us all
Nations putting away hate and loving nations

I will always wish to see growth in humanity
This way we then stick together for eternity
Sharing love, put away what causes calamity
Having the right senses in different divinity

I wish to see the faces of my offspring's
I wish to see them in a world filled with Love

Sonnet 20

Other Poems

BARK

How I tip toed to get the meat
Shoulders high just to stay stealth
All I aimed for was to get a bite
Aroma so nice I stayed up all night

Turkey roasted and chicken grilled
And I'm far away at the family mill
To get home and everyone asleep
I am now the captain of kitchen ship

And the dog stared at me all this time
He has been a friend and not disturb
Take one bone and do the bark
Wake everyone up to see my spark

GHOST TOWN

In an ancient town of dark ghosts

On the ground there she lay

She cries out to the passersby

How can she see next day

Horses and chariots all drive by

She calls, no one listens

The people all come out singing

The ghosts all get risen

She's human, she can't fit in

She leaves, no more morrow

She has to prepare her portal

She is gone tomorrow

Ghost town no one sees her

SOUNDS

Cry of drums, the drums are beaten

Wine and dine, cups clinking

Silence, for their warriors fallen

Minute gone, time ticking

Fight for years, the battle's over

The kids now out dancing

Parents hold hands all now smiling

Their kingdom's now fancy

For so many years, many years

They were shut out from all

And just one hero set them free

Now they all can stand tall

Sounds of victory, sounds of victory

SEA

The dusk of the day on high sea
Rowing, and they push on
The storm on the ocean gets tough
Tides get high, it's no fun

The wind blowing, boat rocking hard
Sea wants to eat all up
They do hang on and stay steadfast
Deadly waves yet to stop

Sailors are singing to their God
Ocean is ready for kill
There's a response to calm the storm
Peace! o water be still

They Sail over to hinterland

SILENCE

I can't stay silent to injustice
In tech age with lots of devices
I'll raise my voice and talk about it
How I wish you'll see my words

Read my thoughts and see the vision
Of an equal world with no division
Everyone to earn the right value
Of what's contributed to success

It takes long time to build an empire
Different people working so hard
Let no one oppress the other cause
At that point I'll break my silence.

RESCUE

I think of what you're going through,
Where you are will never let me rest
I had promised not to see you suffer
And no human shall bring you pain

I have failed on my words, pardon me
I'll not want to feel this a second time,
An undying thirst to bring you home,
Where you belong is at the throne

If there was ever a time to test my wrath
It is now and I bring the dragons all hot
A day won't go by without you by my side
So many battles together, we won all fight

The enemy has stepped on the Lion's tail
Battle time, into the jungle where I am king.

Through the dark night I come for you
I'll not sleep till you rest in my arms
Into the thick forest I fear no beast
The moon shines to show us our path

Darkest of night and cold from the rain
I'll keep pushing to you, I accept all pain
I can't forgive myself for letting you down
When with you I see through the dark

Stay strong for I am coming to get you
The journey isn't easy but I can't turn back
There are fierce animals along the way
But I'll fight them all just to meet you

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