

Utopia

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poetry

NOT TO BE SOLD

I was born, brought to earth not to be sold
To feed and grow my value just like gold
Vibrate my mind, thinking what's to be done
My positive mind, priceless and free to soar

Reaching a value shaking market price
You can't buy, it always work on its own
Finding a way to bring forth development
Releasing cure when bitten by scorpion

There is no price attached to one's mind
The greatest of assets that makes us god
Greatest of tool taking us to further times
Priceless piece of work giving life sense

Working until it gets buried in the ground
Being preserved in the skull, what a honor

Sonnet i1

A NEW HOME

Walking through years searching for a home
Was once a king, now I don't have a throne
Many years of fighting to win a lost battle
I keep going all alone, I've lost my soldiers

Getting to the city gate, what a wall to cross
I look high up but still can't see a soul
All I see is flames, arrows and stones
And a lady at the gate keeping watch

I'm Looking for a place to make a new home
A place to plant seeds and nurture growth
To find a life that cleans bitter memories
And begin brand new with joys of tomorrow

The gate keeper holds the key to new life
Let me in so I can create a new paradise

Sonnet i2



KNOWLEDGE

*Sleepless nights searching for knowledge
Going to places where inspiration comes
Searching from bottom to top of the ledge
Finding balance and voice to sound the horn*

*Reading and writing the future not yet seen
Preserving a certain life that goes on to flow
Century to century this words keep going
As it searches for a place to plant itself*

*Sleepless nights researching to find you
To know how far and wide your reach is
As to where you went and you kept riches
I'll stay awake to see the footprints kept*

*Deep down my mind I dig to know more
Seeing the face of knowledge in words*

Sonnet 13

A MAIDEN

In Utopia I find a place to heal my ache
There comes a black maiden with a cake
Charming eyes, I fall in love at first sight
I look up, the sun is shining so bright

A shape formed by the finest of porter
Each step she take makes me fall deeper
I stay up at night wishing you're in my arm
My blood is pumping but there is a dam

Come heal me, come put things in restart
Let's sweat out the pains from bitter past
You're a goddess, I'll worship your beauty
Clean me, I lay down my past as sacrifice

A smile that strikes my heart like lighting
A maiden I wish to spend my years with

Sonnet i4

ALL ALONE

After years of pain my heart gets secluded
Among lots of persons but none to trust
Daydreaming nightmares, mind gets eluded
From bitter past that brings to me distrust

I find my peace staying alone at a place
Heart gets weaker when I think of fears
Looking for a place I can repair my soul
I get scared of falling deep into this hole

Starting all over not knowing what's next
Moving alone as I begin to build my nest
Clothed in rags I keep aiming for riches
Praying to God to grant all my wishes

My mind has taken me to a lonely place
Giving back trust, the most difficult case

Sonnet i5

A SUDDEN GIFT

Most nights I stay awake on empty stomach
Looking to the stars for a miracle to happen
How far do I go on in such tattered manner
Complex thoughts, wishing for fall of manna

How long does it take for blessings to come
I've seen the thick, now going through thin
Losing weight while gaining more thoughts
Like a monk I go to where I say my prayers

At the mountain top deep into the dark night
There comes a shooting star falling to earth
I lose my sight, my thoughts take new turn
I wake to a new gift as the past also burn

Into a realm where words are being kept
A million tap but none can reach its depth

Sonnet i6

I SEE

I wake to a day filled with fog and no hug
I see a beast with four heads and no leg
I stand firm with hopes to win this tug
To my greatest surprise the beast beg

What an event, I wish time to tick back
A creature I thought was harmful so timid
I see blue dripping from a part of the beast
"I was once human until bound by a spell"

What would cause this I begin to wonder
How do I help a beast, I start to ponder
I get scared as the beast approaches
Do I befriend a beast covered in roaches

I look around all I see is the sky and earth
The ground spins as I wake from this dream

Sonnet i7

SWEET LOVE

Nights we stayed awake, a love by the lake
Sharing warmth in the cold as things grow
Across mountains we ride protecting the old
My one bride, now her soul is gone cold

There has been no sweeter love than yours
Going through years, understanding our flaws
With shared strength we slay all our enemies
All alone I keep fighting battles within myself

Faster than the blink of an eye it's all gone
Buried inside my heart, your face I can't see
Images on replay that brings sweetness
As I try to find my balance in this new world

Your smiles I see brings beauty of memories
A sweet love deep into my soul I can't forget

Sonnet i8



SETTING SUN

*After the bustle and bustle of the day
When I've worked hard to earn my pay
My comfort zone, where I wish to arrive
Through the city, rounds and turns I drive*

*As the sun sets the weather turns cooler
Taking giant strides to a place I'm a ruler
Through grounds of philanthropy I tread
As the sun shine until things goes dead*

*A setting sun to round-up the years spent
Going to see where the ancestors went
A place to shine light but filled with dark
As wisdom is buried and grown in leaves*

*While the sun shines I work to find my path
Setting sun tearing me and this world apart*

Sonnet i9



MIRAGE

A sight that ushers fear into the mind
I look to heaven and earth as I rewind
An obstacle in front causing a barrier
Fight through all coming out a warrior

Puddles of lack wanting to engulf me
Can't look back, I'll keep pushing ahead
Being brave to reach my land of honey
As I take bold steps in making money

A mirage causing nightmares and fears
I choose not to look at what's not in sight
Breaking boundary going to meet the light
A mind set to time when things are bright

Can't be shaken by a perceived image
Driving through time aiming for the sky

Sonnet 10

FRAGMENTS

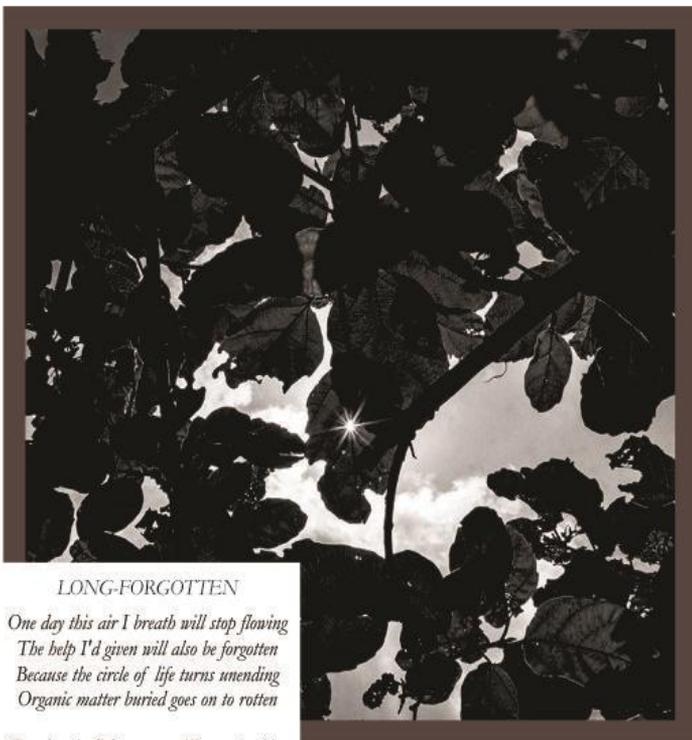
In bits and pieces fragments are left behind
Energies from years ago, they rotate in time
Woven together in emotions we all bind
Making the arts of life to become so fine

In bits and pieces we come together firm
Streamline talents and knowledge gathered
Voice and words bringing back world peace
Fragments scattered in lights of the heart

Words broken in the past now glued as one
As we climb the stair reaching for the star
Reviving ancient arts seemed to be dead
Making me in life, bringing forth daily bread

Fragments of the future I see in my dream
Hard work to realize them makes me whole

Sonnet i11



LONG-FORGOTTEN

*One day this air I breath will stop flowing
The help I'd given will also be forgotten
Because the circle of life turns unending
Organic matter buried goes on to rotten*

*One day the light we see will cease to shine
The faces we once know we'll see no more
Friends and family together we always dine
Wishing to survive forever but gone forever*

*One day my emotions will be long-forgotten
But the words left behind stays evergreen
Traveling through centuries of no ending
Keeping memories of a life gone forever*

*Best of intentions can be forgotten in time
Embedded in art it survives through the dark*

Sonnet #12

STILL

In my thinking the cloud hover as I stay still
Protecting good thoughts virus tries to steal
Passing through heat and smelting like steel
Coming out cold, my body has lost its feel

Tending to the sun as my thoughts expand
Moving freely in a place larger than Hectares
Finding positivity in trying times of revolution
As we all come out in search for a solution

For many years we've stayed silent and still
Tables are turned, at the top the heat they feel
Roads are blocked, this generation is woken
Turn a deaf ear to political promises of ills

Gone are years of being blind, silent and still
A better future we protest to get and keep

#EndSARS

Sonnet i13

THIN AIR

The whisking of your love away in thin air
As I go through a path bringing your flare
Of ingredients deep in you being stored
I try to find my balance on this see-saw

From whence it came I still do not know
Weeds of bitterness sprouting at the root
I keenly watch to see from where it grow
A case solved with the trample of my boot

I'm back to you, your love is what I'll need
Keep me going on earth as I stamp my feet
Through battles of life together we'll bleed
Surviving all fights, calming down the heat

I am human and not a perfect being
In my afterlife I want to be with you

Sonnet 14



BETTER DAYS

*I look forward to when better days arrive
As I keep going even in midst of strife
With empty stomach I tell hunger bye
As I mortify my thoughts and my eye*

*A great deal of work that's yet to be done
Tasks to be done, many more still to come
Working round the clock saving time gone
On overwhelming days I drink from a rum*

*When better days come I'll drink it's juice
My mind, body and soul forming one truce
Self-healing the pain gotten along the road
Harnessing lots of gain from staying bold*

*On better days the sun shines so bright
Bringing nourishing light into my heart*

Sonnet 115

SPEAK UP

I'll climb to the top of my voice and speak

The crimes and brutality of man I'll leak

Those paid to protect citizens breed hate

We can't take this anymore, what's the fate

Trampling and smashing of young dreams

A plan for good commandeered into evil

Going into the streets perpetrating killings

Of young innocent souls just trying to feed

I'll speak up till the loudest of my silence

Lending my words into this war we're on

From the depth of my heart wishing change

It's the right time for a rebirth in this place

A good world is what we youths fight for

This is the best of time, youths soro soke

#EndSARS

Sonnet i16

BLEEDING HEART

A bleeding heart, broken skull, nation's gone
Who do we call to end fires from evil's gun
When he that is to bring peace preaches war
Shooting the young wanting to heal his sore

A bleeding heart seen all through the land
As many struggle hard to maintain sanity
The evil ones forget this life is all but vanity
20-10-20 the day government killed its own

My heart is bleeding for the martyr's gone
Asking for a future, what's the wrong done
Being met with heavy fire power from order
I can't stop crying, my sanity has lost border

What makes a government kill its citizens
My heart is bleeding, how long I do not know

#EndSARS

Sonnet i17

DARK

Been locked up many years in the dark
Finding my sight has led to great spark
A peaceful walk, dogs are sent to bark
Spraying bullets, now our defense crack

The light gets turned off, how do we see
A mind turned against us, what did we do
Speaking the truth, blood turns into sea
Much mayhem, the nation needs a redo

The mind of the government clouded dark
With hate, corruption, extremism and more
Making the lives of their citizens stagnant
A nation that doesn't look out for the poor

My skin may be black but my heart not dark
I find myself in a place with dead government

#EndSARS

Sonnet i18

MIXED FEELINGS

I'm looking for a place to stand my feet

Winning lots of battle yet facing defeat

Climbing my years each step at a time

Holding up my psych, always acting fine

In utopia my body, spirit and soul binds

Feeling cold, I formulate heat from stone

All alone, my emotions needs companion

It searches wide to attract a beautiful soul

How do I revive an adorned love now lost

How do I smile when you're no more here

I need to fly and find a heart to build a nest

To once again grow the love I think is dead

Sweet love mixed in a potion for me to drink

I'm waiting for my feelings to give the kick

Sonnet 19



MIND'S VIEW

*Looking out the window of my mind to see,
Greener pasture, trees and the leaves I see
A ground looking fertile, even weeds grow
Place to plant thoughts and reap what I sow*

*Looking out the window, the rains may fall
Thick clouds bolding all what I'll ever want
Showers of blessings upon me is all I call
As I lay my good like sacrifice to be burnt*

*Out the window I look to build my world
Quitting years of fight, I sheath my sword
Good days to come, I patiently keep wait
As my mind views out and see lots of bait*

*The rain falls to keep my mind evergreen
As I take a view at what is yet to come*

Sonnet i20

THANKS



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