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# African

Black, bold and beautiful  
full of life, pride and dignity  
struggles through the storm  
yet remains top

'Apes' they are called  
but apes do have hearts  
hearts filled with life  
hearts to cry and laugh  
hearts to care and carry  
even when seen dumb and ugly

Love them, hate them  
but you really can not do without them

I am AFRICAN and proud to be!

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# Battle Field

All nights  
I wet my pillow  
Holding tight and hoping for strength  
Strength for survival  
Strength to care and love again

But how can I fight this through?  
When my light is pierced with arrows of darkness  
And thick darkness covers my eyes?  
How can I fight through these pains?  
Fight for survival  
Fight till I stand and fight to love again?

I break down O' Lord  
I cannot be consoled  
I tear myself apart  
For your gentle touch  
To win this battle!

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# Behind It All

Pink rosy cheeks  
white sparkling teeth  
spread of laughter like a flowing garment

Giving comfort and hope  
teaching love and peace  
strong emphasis made on strength

Appraised by young and old  
cherished by the lass  
loved by the lads  
who never see through her  
who never see her when  
alone at a corner  
the garment of laughter gathers  
down the silent path  
the strength tears apart  
behind closed doors  
emptiness fills the air

If only she could get as much as she gives  
If only they knew  
behind all of it, lies something much more different

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# Family

Strong ties  
Unbreakable bond  
Sweet vows  
In love and pains  
In joy and sorrow  
In sunshine and downpour  
Something always comes first  
You  
My family  
Forever till the end!

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# I Am A Girl

I am a woman  
covered in a hood  
that's painted in dark and bright colors

I am a woman  
filled with scars in the heart  
cast with a burden unprepared for  
yet a bundle of joy

I am a woman  
never was a girl  
yet i am a girl  
and as well a woman

I am a woman  
yet a girl

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# I Know You

I know you  
I know what you want  
Suck deep, crawl up my body and head  
Part my hair with your fingers  
Plant the reddish of roses  
At the edges of the bed  
Whisper and kiss my ears

All these I know  
And the tricks I am familiar with  
But I refuse to let you do them  
I refuse to let you take charge  
I refuse to let you be me!

I stand firm and strong  
Though it's slippery  
And your hold seem firmer

But,  
I will whisper and kiss your ears  
Plant my roses on your bed  
Pat you on the head  
Crawl up your body and head  
Suck you deep

Life, I know you  
I know what you want  
I know what I want from you  
And I won't give up till I get it!

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# If I Could

If I could  
Turn back the hands of time  
May be I would put more efforts in excellence and less in grades  
If I could  
Turn back the hands of time  
Maybe I would  
Be more selfless and less selfish  
If I could  
Turn back the hands of time  
Maybe I would  
Be less dependent and more independent  
If I could  
Turn back the hands of time  
Maybe I would  
Pursue and act than dream and dream  
But what says I can't?  
When I can  
Why sulk over spilt milk?  
When I can make another  
Why put incredible efforts in illusions?  
When I can be real  
It's never too late  
To re-mould my wax and light my candle!

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# Invisible Hands

His hands so enormous  
In it the earth and galaxies live  
The clouds are spread like garments  
And the stars at night twinkle

How great are his works?  
With his hands the sea parts  
Men are his crafts  
And like him made them gods

At a raise of his hands, the sun rises  
At a low, it sets  
Under his feet  
The earth stands

I stand and marvel at his works  
How he does all things  
Still dazzles  
All is made with his Invisible Hands!

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# It's Christmas

It's Christmas and  
Everyone is searching for its merry  
Young and old  
Black and white  
From all corners of the world.  
Men and Women  
With or without wallet  
From all works of life  
Shopping for the season  
And its reason.  
Merry Christmas  
From the east to the west  
From the north to the south  
Merry Christmas  
To the sick and healthy  
The orphans and lost children  
Merry Christmas  
To the hopeless and helpless  
To the slaves and their masters  
Merry Christmas  
To the prisoner and freed  
To all dependent and independent nations  
To all believers and non-believers  
Merry Christmas  
To all who has loved and wish to be loved  
Merry Christmas  
To you and me  
And to everyone on earth  
Merry Christmas!

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# Life

Life like hills  
takes you up and down  
crawling on the rough and rocky parts  
panting knees hurts  
but there you must get

Life like waves  
in the great ocean  
sweeps you to the shore  
and back to the shore  
if you survive

Life like a people  
clustered together  
you actually think you have them around  
poor you to know  
you are alone

Life despite its bitter taste  
taste afterwards like the nectar of a flower  
life like the Ewuro is a bitter sweet experience

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# Me

It stares back at me  
looks me deep in the eye  
in search for something real and true  
something natural to my being  
my own very being which seem very far yet near  
yet near but never discovered  
never discovered and untouched  
untouched and useless!

I stare back at me  
look deep at the reflection of me  
in search for the real me  
to awaken for a time soon to come...

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# Mental Slavery

Freedom running about  
searching for its opposite unlucky victims  
alas! here they are  
bound in chains  
poor eyes for you are too naked to see

Though the unlucky victims  
move about carrying the tag FREEDOM with them  
its a pity  
to know that the set of their minds  
had been tightly chained

But then in these people  
lies strength  
inner strength i must say  
for their physical strength had been tamed to sleep  
or perhaps wiped off

This strength stirs up in them  
while it stirs  
it tends to fine tune the set of their minds  
and partly open their eyes  
even though all they do is stare

Strength entangled in chains  
what a pity  
even the carriers carry it aimlessly about  
unalert to its a abilities  
to move and shake mountains  
but coiled up in chained bottles  
what then do we do  
only and if only...

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# Morning

Earth's last picture  
The end of evening  
As Night departs from the sky  
The day breaks in  
Crow, crow croak the cock  
Its time to wake and work  
Its time to scatter and gather  
Its time to hustle to bustle  
Its morning  
The dawn of a new day.

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# My Voice

Deep down it echoes  
Stringed to the wall of your heart  
Bubbles up, shaking down  
Loud not to be heard

Break free, gather your strength  
Keep your head high  
And let it bubble up  
Loud out to be heard

Voice it  
It's yours and it's time for it to be heard!

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# Night

Dark clouds gathering  
falling unto the earth  
flying birds to their nest  
running people to rest

Thick dark clouds carrying the twinkling stars  
sparkling bright for all

Shinning moon  
at his feet gathered children  
listening to its tales

Old bamboo chair squeaking  
its time to sleep  
little children yawning  
side frogs croaking  
all sounds fly in the air  
and caught by night  
whose power had laid the children on the mat  
the bamboo chair by the wall  
croaking frog in its abode  
all but night is silent  
sitting and waiting patiently for day to come  
perhaps he could get some rest

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# Path Of Loneliness

I walked down the path of loneliness  
in search for a companion

Up the hill i met Jill  
who broke my heart and pulled me down the hill

In the thick woods came a girl with a red hood  
who rode me home, became a wolf  
and i came running back to the wood

Tired, Cold and Empty i walked down the road filled with snow  
then i met a girl who looked just as white as the snow  
she was too cold and i almost froze to death  
and ran for life

Very close to the town hall dark in the night  
i met Cindy who asked if i could be her prince charming at the ball  
but she ended up running off before midnight

At the bridge i stood  
tired of loneliness  
and desperate to get out of its path  
then i saw you at the far end of the bridge  
my heart skipped and my feet leaped  
as i stood right by your side  
our hands twined in each other

Then i knew that i had found what i was looking for  
a companion -  
to walk out of the path of loneliness!

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# Super Mom

My kids call me momma  
and yes i am their mama  
i look after them  
watch their backs  
spank them when need be  
and cuddle them always

I clean them up  
feed and clothe them  
stay wide awake all night  
when they burn with a fever  
and the cold makes them shiver

It is my responsibility  
oh yes i know  
but aint they laudable when done alone?

I love my kids  
and they adore me  
because i am their Super Mom!

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# Sweet Love

Trapped in the grave of my flesh  
In vain I struggled to come out  
Pains, agony and torture my guard  
Shame and guilt stuck on my face  
My head buried way low my neck

Lo! Your hand stretched forth  
My eyes dim and heavy to see  
Bound in chains of pains  
Fear choked down my throat  
In vain I struggled still

Deep within I cry faintly  
Beholding the withered flower  
Far dry and gone

Alas! Your chain of love  
So long and strong  
Out of the grave I am  
Tightly held in the sweet love of your arms!

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# The Man In The Mirror

Take a look at the man staring  
See through his eyes  
Search deep and deep  
Take a sharp turn through the darkest valley  
Head straight towards the dim light  
Hang on to the vein of light  
Take a look at the man in the mirror  
Shed some light on his eyes  
Take a look at the man in the mirror  
If a change need be  
It has to start with him!

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# The Proposal

If I said I love you more than the fresh smell of air  
Would you smile?

If I said I love you more than my folks and grand  
Would you take me for a jerk?

If I said I love you more than the last squeeze of breathe  
Or more than life itself  
Would you believe me?

For I love you more and above all these  
And if I ask you to marry me  
Will you?

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# The World Unknown

Into the world unknown  
i go deep  
in search for virtue, success and fulfillment  
the deeper i go  
more confusing it goes

At the crossroad  
i stand in quandary

Left, i feared to be behind  
Right, might just be too wrong to be  
Back, too scary to go  
Front, unsure of what lies there

Heart broken  
loud empty as the barrel  
too loud to be ignored

I look up with eyes closed  
and searched within  
for answers to unending questions  
in a world unknown  
where i search deep  
and deeper for a life!

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# Things Fall Apart

Things fall apart  
Scattered round the earth  
Like a broken vase  
That holds the fairest of flowers  
Its pieces lies shattered and useless  
As its fairest follows the dictate of the wind  
Dragging helplessly behind it  
Watching in sober as its owner mourn in silence  
Ahead the fairest looks  
To a place unknown  
Hoping for the fallen pieces to be whole again!

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# Time

You are so selfish that you think of yourself alone  
so unkind that you wait for no one but yourself  
while i chat away, you go tick-tack  
not reminding me of you

Even when i sleep, snore  
your eyes are wide open counting God knows what  
I wonder if you ever sleep  
for you rush me off my bed at the crow of the cock

So autocratic that you dictate my day  
you ruin it when i am a bit off you  
and make it a times though

So workaholic that you make me feel so lazy  
even if i am at my best  
principled not to give me back the lost part of you

Despite all these  
you are so good to keep me on track  
help plan and schedule my day  
kind to decide certain issues for me  
and good to make me know the day is gone  
nice but unfortunate to know that each of you  
spent unwisely is gone forever!

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