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She said

I will need you beside me when I go through all the storms that will come my way and when things go wrong in my life.

I will need you on my side with courage and love to lift me up in defense when people reject me and give me a cold shower.

When I make bad mistakes that might hurt you clearly and cause you pain, then I will need your understanding that will keep you from going away.

When good moments come I will share them with you in a full expression of my joy to you my beloved, without wasting it.

Everyday I think about you and try to feel your love in my heart though it is not easy at all but just believing you love me. You will always remain in my heart despite of what people gonna say. Love you

I said

Time has passed since I first spotted you.

This is time enough to know you.

I made a decision to be good to you

From that very first moment that I saw you.

I'll always provide a shoulder for you.

I will always shelter you.

None will hurt you.

Coz it will cost them to know you.

Knowing you was a pleasure.

For you are one to treasure.

Never will I apply pressure.

Coz am not out for leisure.

I give you my heart.

To be my part.

I'll dwell in your heart.

For it I always search.

You've opened my life.

And I will give you back life.

For you are a lady so high.

Who deserves life above high.

I'll forever understand.

For it wasn't at a stand.

That I got your hand.
So to this I must stand.

I will forever have you at heart, will cherish you.
You have my shoulders to cry on
For you are the one who turns tables always.
I will support you at all times, under all situations.

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Death

Even if I die do not stand by my grave and cry
I am not there, I did not die

Please can I have a prescription for death
Or should I believe that it's an unavoidable path
It steals from us innocent members
And succeeds in decreasing our numbers
Death leaves a gap that none can fill
It exposes a land that's too hard to till
Christians say it is the only way
That to God we are forever going to stay

It succeeds in snatching most of my buddies
And leaves me to dwell with many worries
Its occurrence best defines a broken heart
And it makes you most lonely and hurt
This verse I dedicate to all gone friends
And relatives with whom I had no ends
It's painful you are physically gone forever
But I hope our spirit will stay together

Father bless all who have come to you
Forgive them that they may always be with you
I beseech you to grant pardon for all their transgressions
And let them enjoy with you all the sessions
Even if I die do not stand by my grave and cry
Because I have followed my pals who have gone high
Believe am not there and I did not die
But above in the skies with my pals I fly

Why can't the learned conduct a thorough research
And come out with a comprehensive search
Just to ascertain why human has to die
And recommend to God to hear my cry
I have to sum up at this verse
Because my pain is getting worse
I want to pray for all who have gone
And keep in touch so I may not feel low

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Domestic Violence

Domestic violence! Domestic violence till when
Get down together and sort out the blame
Why go physical setting your own house on flame
A negative reputation of own blame

Hey men let's stop the hitting
We be cool and always chilling
Forever the house will be smiling
Just try these if you think am kidding

Ladies lets control the words
Imagine of the days you were pals
The sweet sayings that were traps
Revisit these and he will be ups

Why not take head-on the responsibility
Because we both have the ability
If not lets seek the holy trinity
And our house will be that of divinity

It is of no need to be together
Yet in all realities we are asunder
Take charge and provide as a father
I play my role and nurture as a mother

Domestic violence deprives and kills
Emaciated and disturbed become the kids
For years and years the family remains still
Having stress and voids which have no fill

If drinking alcohol is the cause
In the house sit and take meat as the pause
If both parties in the house wanna be boss
Sit together delegate and cut the clause

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Drug Abuse

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Wazazi tuwasave watoto wetu wasiwe tasteless
Talents zao tuwasupport wasiwe helpless
Kwa dance floor wapull crowd kama nameless
La sivyo watagrow kuwa wazee useless

Pals for how long tutaengage kwa drug abuse
We should know it is of no use
Drugs zitakunyoosha zikufanye obtuse
Ni heri tushinde kwa kunywa juice

Gava ilitry ikaform Kaguthi 's NACADA
Kwa bunge drug abuse ikawa ni mada
All these kwetu ni ka kupiga randa
Buddies its upto us to stop hii tabia

Wasee medically drugs are meant kutibu
Mbona si twazitake ka mizabibu
Twafaa ku understand effects ni mbinu
La sivyo tutajiget tuko majivu

Remember life is drawing bila an eraser
Watch out usilead a life that is coarser
Coz no need ku do a test bila an answer
Since we are all made to be wiser

Manze ukijiinject unawaste maisha yako
Juu hizo drugs zitatake too long ndani yako
Mbona usitii advice ya wazazi wako
Coz afterall ndiyo walimu wa kwanza kwako

Believe me in life you can do bila miraa
No need ya kuchukua litre sita za changaa
For sure utakuwa smatter bila marijuana
If not utagrow nyepesi ka juala

Ukizidiwa you can consult a counselor
Na ushangaie ukigrow kuwa councilor
Jamii wataku admire ka pillar

Na uwemwanga kwao ka stima

Jamaa na turudi kwa Sir Godi

Ili akikamu tusichape rodi

Enyewe alituumba na akatupa body

Swali ni mbona twaiwaste hii body

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It's By Hundreds

It's a good fortune when you earn by thousands of hundreds
Since your shopping and travel destinations will be by hundreds
You get a plot in an upmarket area with acreage in hundreds
Investing in bonds and equities numbering tens of hundreds
So as not to be left out in the Forbes list of top a hundred
This is the daily life of a few hundreds

There are other millions who survive on a hundred
With large families numbering hundreds
But with the prices of basic commodities gone to hundreds
They are left wondering where to get the other hundred
It is for this they search covering kilometers in hundreds
Only to get back to their nests with not more than a hundred

The price of unga (flour) has gone past a hundred
Sugar is skyrocketing to threes of hundreds
Bread is happily approaching the hundred
Making millions cry as comfort remains for a few hundreds
The society is controlled by the same few hundreds
Since they can buy their way using their thousands of hundreds

The dollar has just run into a hundred
As politicians come in hundreds
Earning hourly allowances in tens of hundreds
With intention not to aid those earning a hundred
But to amass more and protect their millions of hundreds
To gain this they manipulate and use those who earn a hundred
Setting them against each other with only a hundred
Thus hundred fighting another hundred and forever remaining with a hundred

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Overwhelmed

We were sitted on the fine carved stones
With the low wall running round the square
Around us the medieval buildings of Italy
The ones built for defense with no tally

I had only met her in town recently
Though I was an old friend of her relatives
I was damn shy that I could not win her attention
Yet my nerves believed she was my only perfection

She blamed the world for holding all her needs
Always showing off before her very eyes
I asked if there is anything I could possibly do
And she said to provide the needs is all I have to do

That night I saw her lean against a pillar
All alone despite the hubbub all around her
I went up to her with all the caution rated to a wild cat
My approach a cautious gesture of deep affection

She sensed my movements towards her
And turned around to face my direction
Then she lifted her hands up as if in prayer
Leaning on my chest with the whispers of "you are the need"
I was overwhelmed

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Parent-Child

Each parent is as marvelous as the creative act
A precious gift and model that each child must enact
They are charged with the role of keeping you on track
And ensuring that we always respect the pact
If not you lead a life to ruin and obvious dis-track

The mother bears the pain and carries you to term
Relatives accept you and welcome you at birth
With arms open and lots of love
To the community you are welcome with hug
All these done because to all you are worth

Hey! Child you must grow up to respect the parents and elderly
So that you have a life that is smart and shinny
If not you grow to be a problem, thick and untidy
Strive always to make your parents happy
And they will always see you as a product worthy

Parents teach your child better ways of living
Guide their morals to ensure a smart being
Instill respect and discipline when unbecoming
To a well mannered be good and gifts to keep going
Remember you are the first model to your child worth imitating

Spare time sit down and share as a family
Discuss all of the family in deep totality
Parents discuss and help the child with affinity
Child share out and listen to the parents keenly
Embrace each other and close with the call of trinity

For God said honor your father and mother
So that in this world you may live further
Ruin is the price if to them you become a bother
But much blessings and joy if you stick always together

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Todonyang

It is a dry land far far away
A land always flowing with tears
Scarce hills of sorrow and valleys of grief
Where a foreigner kills man for ritual purposes
And carry with him body parts and clothes for proof
So as to be declared a champ, hero and model
This land is Todonyang
Here the poor women wail
As their desperate malnourished children trail
They have lost their defender
Their only source and bread-winner
Who left to search for the day's meal
Only to be killed by a foreigner's bullet
They wail in Todonyang
The evening falls with doom
So is the night full of gloom
The foreigner crawls kilometres on his belly
Just to attack the harmless exhausted fisherman
Who spent his whole day at the water mass
Their only source of livelihood in the dry land
Doom and gloom in Todonyang

Their day starts at ten and ends at four
For fear of the stranger who takes charge at night
They are forced to live like refugees in their own land
Because the moment of the foreigner is unknown
He might attack at night fall or at day break
And send the whole village into mourning
Bloodshed in Todonyang

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Ways To Efficient Study

Education remains the surest happiness of old age
For success one must consider the study environment
Of course physical aspects also create a useful tent
Not forgetting a study routine to the very end
Follow the above and life will be an entertainment
A joy thereafter with no speckles of torment

On environment get yourself a study room
Of quietness from floor to the roof
Proper lightning ensuring a well lit room
Ensure a temperature that keeps you cool
And finally a chair that best fits your zoom
Apply these and your studies will be smooth

Consider physical aspects to guard your general health
A balanced diet to flourish your body with strength
Exercise regularly to keep fit and of health
Take rest and sleep as per required length
Observe utmost hygiene and regularly bathe
Program your activities and follow such henceforth

Organize your study routine and read generally
Summarize to chief, sub and sub-sub headings usually
Revise mental, visual and oral pictures normally
Do revisions regularly; daily, weekly and monthly
Forget not to test yourself most often and thoroughly
Apply all the above and lead your life purposely

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