



# DESTINY

(Selected Poems)



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## IF BLACK LIVES MATTER

If black lives matter then the word "racism"  
Will not be a word because we are all same  
There will not be a time to call anyone colors  
If the mind has accepted we all are equal

Why is there a bridge to equate our skin  
We all drip blood when our skin breaks  
There is never a life that is called black  
If so who breathes black air? I breathe pure

All lives do matter, complexion the difference  
This ate deep into our sense to cause chaos  
We mistook the physical to enslave the mind  
Now caught in the labyrinth of lost minds

If black lives matter we'll all be treated equally  
Our skin colors not being a basis to be second  
We'll be given equal ground to face challenges  
Because death doesn't see in colors, we all go

Who has ever seen the color of the mind  
It's far distinct from the color of the skin  
In the mind is where the brain is boxed  
Same color of blood flows in us all

There is never a thing called black lives  
We only got dark skin and dark minds  
A dark mind can be found in a white skin  
It's same around when put on vice versa

So many has believed a generational lie  
From the time slavery was the norm  
To a time that earth has gone digital  
Yet so many feeble minds still hold to a lie

There is but just one life that matters  
The life you live and strife to be better  
The life you'll live and be at peace with all  
The life you'll feed with positive thoughts

If Black Lives Matter then my life matters

I won't want to be held to the ground  
breathless;

Or to be in mental chains for slavery

No I'll want to be free everywhere I go

If black lives matters then there will be justice

No person of skin color will be made to feel  
worthless;

We all will be given equal opportunities

There won't be a reason to be restricted

All lives do matter to me and should be same

for everyone;

Nobody will want to die from the hands of  
another;

There won't be fences along the borders

We should be happy and welcome each other

LP 1

## ACROSS THE RIFT

We constantly try to go across the rift  
If only we'll get accepted by the hand  
Our land is green but still we leave  
Moving over to find greener pasture

If there were no airplanes to convey  
Some will still go across on bare feet  
To a place the mind paints as better  
Risking many days of life in a desert

Across the rift are different lives in time  
Many have gone through brutality of man  
Through years of war in a bid to claim power  
Many have drank blood as wine when thirsty

The rift is always left open by the owners  
For the unwanted to be thrown in on arrival  
Some are left to be taken to the gallows  
Many sent back and their minds gets shallow

Why go through the stress of never being  
accepted;

We are all free in the land being inherited

We are all free in the land of our births

We should all be free even when on tour

We all do receive visitors from across

Time spent during flight or even by road

Through the sun of the day or moon by night

Through different cultures, myths and tales

Across the rift there is joy, laughter, wealth

Created by humans with proper thinking

We all got individual portions on earth

Why leave yours and go for another's

I'll till until the seeds I plant begins to grow

And makes my part of the rift beautiful

This may take many years, I stay positive

With hopes that someday my land will be  
green;



Across the rift are many nations with flags  
I've got my flag pinned up in my heart  
I'll keep my colors flying wherever I go  
Cause it's the land of my birth and freedom

LP 2

# FREEDOM

Bounded in chains from ancient ways

Hurled into a box against our wish

Setting sail to a faraway place

Original culture being set ablaze

Heritage of my forefathers torn apart

Replaced with new foreign standards

A foreign code and ethics of life

Is being planted deep in our minds

Palm wine replaced with red wines

Our monarch system wiped away

Hatred now brew deep in the heart

As brother turn against brother

We've come from good, bad and ugly

Now is the time to set things orderly

Pictures of the past shows happy time

A time there was no cause for alarm

A time the climate was alright

And many species not endangered

Take me to such time of freedom

Where I get blessed by man and nature

When I'm not being given a visa status

Because of my skin color

Take me to freedom at the end of this war

Many blood has been spilled on this floor

That's supposed to be the ground of freedom

Now being covered with lives for protest

Many lives lost, all in a bid to win

Many have songs to sing

Many voices are crushed as they begin

I say freedom for one freedom for all

LP 3

# LIGHT

I went through some nights with blood  
Black lights I looked at to show me my way  
Bright moon that shines during the day  
A dark sun that comes to town at night

A dark moon moving within the clouds  
With hopes to shine its light on men  
Fierce whips to wipe away the proud  
As the grim reaper takes to its den

Waiting for the day to receive the light  
It comes from above where divine  
Into spirits ready to absorb energies  
I'll give my soul as ultimate sacrifice

Dark nights, dark moon trying to shine  
I'll trace its path until I find the light

Sonnet e1

# WEATHER

Sometimes it rains abundance of currency  
Other times the pocket is dry as a desert  
Working all day to bring back the rains  
The Great One controls all kinds of weather

Sometimes I cry other times I'm rejoicing  
On days my eyes are dry, I drink water  
To quench my thirst and wait for the next  
Cause bad days do turn to good days also

When the rains are back again I rejoice  
By then I have gotten a way of thinking  
A way of reasoning to see me through  
To save for when the weather changes

It's a natural phenomenon of life  
Change in weather keeps life going on

Sonnet e2

# LAST HOUR

At the last hour the rope may snap and cut

At the last hour you can win the jackpot

Do not give up when running the race

Look forward to passing the baton

I look forward to the last second of time

Cause change can happen at any moment

It takes a moment for crying eyes to dry

Joy can come even at the last hour

Every seconds makes the picture clearer

Dedicating each breathe taken to time

Many hits being felt and absorbed with time

But still pushing and making ways out

Time stopped at eleven fifty nine

Then goes back to repeat itself

Sonnet e3

# TIME HEALS

I may go on to wound but time heals me  
The pain may last a while but not forever  
I'll feel the hurt but I know it shall pass too  
There's magic in each twenty four hours

The water looks stagnant like our economy  
I'll do what I can to further development  
If we all bring our hands on deck in unity  
Then with time we'll recreate a better future

I'll do my best and keep to regulations  
Enhancing the tissues as they grow  
To cover the pictures of our wounds  
And let the economy come back alive

With the right people having the right sense  
Time will go on to heal mistakes created

Sonnet e4

# DESTINY

What's my fate, why am I here on earth

Since my birth I've looked for my voice

When will I get satisfied and rejoice

Puddles, hurdles and struggles girth me

Upon the waves I ride, hoping to hit shores

Across the island, climbing the mountains

In dark times I still spring from the fountain

I'll keep walking until I arrive my destination

Can't see beyond the next day? Plan ahead

Stuck at a place? destiny will make headway

The route may get rough, tough or sinusoidal

Keep paddling cause the sea has no end

We are all kept on earth for a reason

Here we are, having distinct destiny

Sonnet e5



# OCEAN

Through the ocean  
I paddle my boat  
But to what end

Haiku 1

# LOVE

Searched in the sun

To find you

I found love

Haiku 2

# PIPER

Blow the pipe  
To my hearing  
Soothing sounds

Haiku 3

# RICHES

It comes to those  
That keeps to dose  
And sticks to focus

Haiku 4

# STORE

Most of life's wealth  
Beneath earth it's kept  
Dig deep and find yours

Haiku 5

# PASSION

Give me Love  
To quench the thirst  
Of my passion

Haiku 6

# HIGHWAY

On the highway  
We pray for those  
We see no more

Haiku 7

# YOUR HEART

And I'll climb  
The highest mountain  
To win your heart

Haiku 8



# LITTLE

Once I was little

But one day

I will grow

Haiku 9

# EGG

Lay the egg  
Nurse the egg  
Hatch the egg

Haiku 10

# SOLUTIONS

The happiest people  
Are the ones  
Who finds solutions

Haiku 11

# TEMPER

She spits words hot enough  
To boil the deepest of my calmness  
Even when I try to remain cold

Haiku 12

# I'LL RISE

I'll rise far above hate and evil  
I'll rise to a place greed lives no more  
Through the furnace I felt all the heat  
To burn the flesh and fill the spirit man  
  
I'll rise cause I aim for greater heights  
I'll rise making it to the top

SP 1

# A LETTER

In the woods you'll understand nature  
Different elements that coexists and survive  
through time;

Taller trees grow to shade the shrubs

And I understand that's how life is

At all point in time there are taller trees in  
the woods;

Our leaders and front runners

It's their duty to shade the younger ones

From the scorching of the sun yet allow  
photosynthesis for all to grow;

We are to produce fruits each of its kind  
And keep life going, that's the continuum

SP 2

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