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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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