

Strategizing Works of Selected Nigerian Musicians for the Actualization of Global Peace in the 21st Century

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Abstract

Global volatility, conflicts, crisis, divergence, resentment, antagonism, misdemeanor, terrorism, war and other negative social trends proliferate as a result of ethnic, religious, political tensions and mostly human behavior. Many attempts made by various countries of the world and many world organizations to decrease, reduce and defuse these negative social trends acquiesced with little or no positive result because what is required is to work on human mind to achieve peace. The defenses of peace must be constructed in the minds of men, since wars normally begin in the minds of men. The aim of this paper therefore is to do collection of works of selected Nigerian musicians' geared towards actualizing global peace in this 21st Century. Selected relevant texts from the works of Chief Osita Osadebe , Chief Dr. Oliver De Coque, Majek Fashek, Ojiakor Patrick among others were interpreted and analyzed under five categories: Admonition, Appeal, Advice, Impression and Revelation. Information was elicited by collection of some of their relevant records, through internet sources and review of some related literature. It revealed music as a tool through which awareness is created, "metanoia" achieved, with power to inspire and generate peace. These musicians through their music with inspiring lyrics are building peace, stopping violence, saving lives, and healing shattered communities. Strategizing their works entails collecting, notating, annotating their works, packaging them and putting them on the internet, television, radio, CD and use them as ringing tunes for the propagation in addition to life performances. It suggested that more encouragement should be given to these musicians for them to focus on promoting individual inner peace, love, compassion and forgiveness. This paper would open people's minds and souls to follow the right parts, to embrace peace through right music which when evaluated, will be music that has immense worth for our societies and universal.

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Introduction

Peace is the process of progress and prosperity. It is the key ingredient to happiness. It is not merely the absence of war and hatred but also the presence of cooperation, compassion and

worldwide justice. It is an interest to avoid conflict, tension, frustration, violence and war. Peace is vastly greater concept than lack of war, violence, poverty and inner turmoil. Peace is the combination of bodily peace, family peace, local peace, natural peace, inner peace and world peace. (World Peace Newsletter FaceBook community, 2011). Peace like reading or writing are learned skills that improve our knowledge, maturity, health, happiness and longevity. It is the most important lesson we should learn during our lives. Through knowledge, peace will evolve. Knowledge is power and knowledge combined with enlightenment leads to wisdom and wisdom is peace. The heart desire of Jesus Christ is that the world should be a peaceful one- full of peacemakers hence his greetings “Peace be with you”, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you” (John 14:27). In Matthew 5:5, He told us that blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God. Jesus Christ revealed the importance of peace to the world.

We all want peace, we desire for peace and happiness. The basic human feelings are at the roots of achieving real, lasting world peace. To achieve this, individual responsibility is important. An atmosphere of peace must be created first within ourselves, then gradually expand to include our families, our communities and ultimately the whole planet. There are many ways to promote peace in this world but the best way is to promote it within ourselves. We can achieve peace on earth first and utmost, by finding it within ourselves. By sharing our inner peace with others, peace will spread. The most important key to peace is inner peace because of true love for both self and world, faith, meditation, self-esteem, compassion, hope, kindness, gratitude and wisdom which will make peace to spread to those around us.

Through inner peace, genuine world peace can be achieved. Inner peace (or peace of mind) refers to the state of being mentally and spiritually at peace, with enough knowledge and understanding to keep oneself strong in the face of discord or stress. Peace of mind, serenity and calmness are descriptions of a disposition free from the effects of stress. In some cultures, inner peace is considered a state of consciousness or enlightenment that may be cultivated by various forms of training such as prayer, meditation, singing etc. World Peace Newsletter Face Book Community in October 2011 said:

World peace is achieved by combining all the peace together

to create hot peace- which is the absolute presence of worldwide justice, freedom, cooperation, negotiation,(working with both friends and enemies), education, mutual respect, sharing, compassion, kindness, happiness, joy, equanimity, human dignity and harmony with nature, animals and mother earth.

Peace needs to surround us in the form of local safety and security which is best achieved through communication and negotiation with neighbors to attain mutual trust and respect for one another. Through love, world peace not only becomes possible, peace becomes probable.

Functions of Music and Musicians in the Creation of Peace

Music is the language of the soul, an indispensable companion in all circumstances. Music is indispensable in time of war, hardship, in time of sorrow, in time of frustration among others. Music has many functions. It is the social, emotional and cognition vehicle of society, reflecting the imprint of our present identity and the always – evolving identity. Nwobu (2015a) avers that:

Music is certainly a true companion of humans as it works quite efficiently in mirroring behaviors, needs, and emotions. Music has been an efficient carrier of information that has been used for centuries as a vehicle to communicate and teach; because it effectively taps into memory (p. 9).

Music is very useful to the society. It guides the society, reflects the society, records the society and watchdogs the society. Nwobu (2015a) noted that “music has immense worth. People learn many important and necessary values for life as it enhances their mind, their expressive ability and a host of other qualities” (p. 2). Music plays lots of role in the life of people. It plays a great role in keeping up the spirits of human being. Music since the 18th Century has been viewed as an ally of human solidarities and reconciliation and an instrument of peace. Music can arouse the same feeling in one person as in another- a feeling which is not however expressed by the same words. Music could bind and heal where words and images could not. As the truly universal means of communication, music became logical enemy of conflict and war and the natural instrument of peace. Emotionally, music portrays methods of shaping personality and / or patterning moral concepts. In the social sphere, music attempt to socialize the listeners by transmitting worthwhile roles in particular, emphasizing interpersonal relationship for the good of mankind.

According to Nwobu (2015b), music is very useful in preventing conflict, promoting conflict resolution and sustaining peace (p. 207). Music works on the mind of people, in inner places of the soul, making a very powerful effect on them. Peace and understanding among nations are projected through music whose context is properly structured. Music is a unifying agent that promotes peace, harmony and co-operation among societies. It is a vehicle that promotes peace and builds awareness of the necessity of peace and avoids future conflict. With the flow of music that pours freely from the heart, people are united. Music with its power promotes respect and tolerance among people and community. It creates a peaceful global society. Music creates mutual understanding and respect when used in areas of severe ethnic tensions. It creates moments of inspiration and interconnection that can deeply affect the listeners and performers. Music saves lives when listened to and its power inspires compassion and faster understanding between cultures while deepening the bond that form our communities. With music, people can think about peace, talk about peace and promote peace.

Music making and music performance offer critical spaces of human interaction as nonviolent means to pursue peace in profound ways. Songs are more powerful than bombs. “One good song with a message can bring a point more deeply to more people than a thousand rallies” says Phil Ochs. The power of music is the power of the heart. Music is the voice of the human spirit. It can go beyond language, beyond age or race or gender or nationality, beyond religious or political differences. Music is universal. Every culture on earth uses music, even the most isolated tribe. Music has been in use for thousands of years preceding the written and spoken word.

On the other hand, music is connected with musicians. Without musicians, there is no way to pressure music and to have music performed and heard by people. Nwobu (2015a) noted that:

Musicians especially musicologists devote most of their time creating music, making use of the best of their talents, the best of their techniques, the best of their imagination, the best of their experience to make music. They create and perform music that enhanced and manifest emotion, used as a carrier of information, stimulate the minds of a society and energize their spirit. A musician is a relevant and necessary institution in the society who uses the medium in which he is proficient to express the societal values in a language the people

understand and appreciate (p. 9).

Musicians are very useful members of the society that contribute to the functioning of the societal activities. Any person that is involved with music making whether as a composer, a performer, dancer, instrumentalist etc, is considered as a musician. Ibekwe (2010) noted that “musicians are great thinkers, or better described as philosophers who take cognizance of the events of the past, live up to the expectation of the present, and equip the mind for the future” (p. 33). Okafor (2005) identified three different categories of musicians and one of the categories is the musicians who perform music as their total profession. He described them as popular musicians whose music moves audiences and markets around the world.

Musicians use the power of music to promote respect and tolerance among people and communities and to help create a peaceful, global society. In the areas where there are severe ethnic tensions, musicians use music in order to help create mutual understanding and respect. They believe that music has the power to inspire compassion and faster understanding between cultures while deepening the bond that form our communities. They believe in the power of music to create moments of inspiration and interconnection that can deeply affect both listeners and performers.

Musicians initiate projects that bridge differences of culture, ethnicity, and ideology and help create a culture of peace. Musicians’ make global efforts to fill the world with music, as a call for peace and justice that will create a global celebration of peace and provides a voice for the vibrant community that believes in peaceful solutions for the future. Musicians create some songs with the intention to encourage people to think about peace, talk about peace and promote peace, cultural acceptance and understanding, for those who work towards peace throughout the world. Musicians through their music, direct, educate, mobilize, criticize and redirect the minds of people to move towards the right paths. Norman Vincent Peale says “change your thoughts and change your world”. A change in perception leads to a change in behavior which leads to a change in the world.

Content Analysis of Songs on Peace by Nigerian Musicians

Nigerian music has indeed played many roles in objectifying and unifying the philosophy and religious tenets of the Nigerian

communities. Some Nigerian music presents a wealth of knowledge and stimulates learning experience among its audience. It is often well worded in proverbs, idioms, and metaphor so that audience is always given food for thought. The composer also makes use of parables to stimulate audience imagination in acquiring dedicative meaning from the performance communication. Agbese (as cited in Olesegun 2014:25) argues that “music has always been the most visible attempt employed by ourselves to listen to ourselves”.

Music is a powerful medium of communication through which human actions and reactions are expressed. It provides a forum to mirror the society so that members could understand things better and learn more about life. Some of Nigerian music focuses on the teaching of morality and building restraints into the psyche of the public which leads to a change in perception and change in perception leads to a change in attitude which leads to a change in behavior and a change in behavior leads to a change in the world. Songs in Nigeria draw on kinds of themes related to the people’s way of life as records of their histories, belief and values which are easily seen in their texts. Okpala (2015) revealed that “song texts are powerful transformation tool that aids in shaping the life of man positively” (p. 204). Song text is an effective means of inculcating what is considered to be proper behavior into the lives of people. We shall consider the sample texts recorded in this paper and discuss the contents under the following: Admonition, Advice, Appeal, Revelation, and Impression.

Admonition

The term ‘admonition’ is used here to connote songs that give caution, caveat about the danger of war, about the danger of not being in peace. The texts of the selected musicians are seen as educative and created awareness on the danger of not being in peace and erroneous behavior. Examples of songs in this category include *Ka Anyi Bili N’Udo* a highlife song by Chef Dr. Oliver Sunday Akanike popularly referred to as Oliver De Coque from Ezinifite, Nnewi South Local Government Area, Anambra State. He was a Nigerian highlife musician and guitarist who recorded more than 73 albums to his credit. One of his songs titled *Ka Anyi Bili N’Udo* has the texts written thus:

Oliver De Coque's Lyrics	English Translation
Ka Anyi Bili N'Udo	Let's Live in Peace
<p>Christians and Moslems let's unite Allah God Allah We are praying to one God, lets' unite We are praying to one God, we are one <i>Ka anyi kpebe ekpere ka anyi kpebe</i> <i>Onye aluna ogu ka anyi kpebe ekpere</i> <i>Ndi Christians bi n'uwa</i> <i>Ka anyi kpebe ekpere onye aluna ogu</i> <i>Ndi Moslems bi n'uwa</i> <i>Ka anyi kpebe ekpere onye aluna ogu</i> <i>Messiah, Alleluia, Jesu Kristi,</i> <i>Hossana</i> <i>Onye esogbuzina mgbomgbo</i> <i>Alleluia, N'afa Nna na Nwa na Muo</i> <i>Nso</i> <i>Otiito diri Jesu Kristi na ndu ebebe</i> <i>Jah Jehova, Chukwu nulu olu anyi</i> <i>Mili n'elu n'igwe</i> <i>Ma Chukwu ekwena ka ozo</i> <i>Chukwu nna abiama, bia nuru akwa</i> <i>anyi</i> <i>Onye obuna kpesibe ekpere ike, agwo</i> <i>no n'akirika</i> <i>Chukwu nna biko ekwena ka agha di</i> <i>n'uka</i> <i>Ka ogu di n'uka bata obodo anyi</i> <i>Maka na agha di n'uka bata obodo</i> <i>anyi</i> <i>I mana agha adigo</i> <i>Oso ndu agwu ike, anyi ga agbaje</i> <i>ebee</i> <i>Bishop na-agwa anyi okwu Chukwu</i> <i>Mana ufodu achoro inu okwu ona</i> <i>agwa anyi</i> <i>Ikpe ekwughi ekwu mara onu</i> <i>Ikpe ejeghi eje mara ukwu</i> <i>Ikpe anughi anu mara nti</i> <i>Chukwu sere aka n'elu uwa</i> <i>Iche na mmadu ga-afo n'uwa</i> <i>Nwanne m okwu osebuluwa</i> <i>ka anyi na ekperenu na anyi bu ofu</i> <i>Ka anyi bili n'udo umunne m</i> <i>Ma ibu Christian ma ibu Moslem</i> <i>Aru anyi choro udo</i> <i>Ina ago muo ma ina eje uka</i> <i>Ahu anyi choro udo, k'anyi bili n'udo</i> <i>Nigeria ka anyi bili n'udo</i> <i>Africa ka anyi bili n'udo</i> <i>N'afa Nna na nwa na Muo Nso</i></p>	<p>Christians and Moslems let's unite Allah God Allah We are praying to one God, lets' unite We are praying to one God, we are one Lets' all pray No one should fight, just let's pray All Christians in the whole world Lets' all pray, no fighting All the Moslems in the whole world Lets' all pray, no fighting Messiah, Alleluia, Jesus Christ, Hossana No one should be worried In the name of the Father, Son & the Holy Spirit Glory to Jesus, both now and forever Jah Jehova, God hear our cries Dangers are looming around God please don't let it rain upon us Heavenly Father, come and hear us Every one pray, for there is danger God please don't let church war, Religious war to enter into our nation If religious war turn into societal war Then there is real world war Where then do we run to Bishop preaches to us Some people don't listen Mouth has the blame of not speaking Leg has the blame of not walking Ear has the blame of not hearing If God turns against this world Will human beings still be alive The word of God my brother Let's pray, we are one Let's live in peace Whether a Christian or Moslem We need peace Whether pagans or church goers We need peace, lets' live in peace Nigeria, let's live in peace Africa, let's live in peace in the name of the Father, Son & the Holy Spirit</p>

Oliver De Coque in this song above explicates as one of the core reasons for instability, crisis and conflicts in this world as

“religious war”. He decided to address this issue, urging both Christians and Moslems to unite, to pray and not to fight. He warned everyone of the danger looming around which he believed that only prayer can prevent the danger of religious war which can easily turn into societal war. He advised that whether as a Christian, Moslem, Pagan or a Church goer, all needed is peace, that all should live in peace.

Another song on this situation is captured in the song titled Uwa Obu Nke Onye by Chief Stephen Osita Osadebe also known as the doctor of hypertension, an Igbo Nigerian highlife musician from Atani, Anambra State, Nigeria. He was a singer, song writer and record producer who was active between the year 1958-2007 with so many albums to his credit. In this track, Osadebe reminded us that no one owns this world, it is not mine neither is it yours. Therefore we should do things with caution; we should act accordingly for the interest of peace because peace is still the best. He sang:

Stephen Osita Osadebe's Lyrics	English Translation
Uwa O Bu Nke Onye	Who Owns the World
<i>Adi enwe uwa enwe na obu uwa nwe onwe ya</i>	The world is not owned by anybody, it owns itself
<i>Onye nwe uwa nwanne m uwa obu nke onye?</i>	Who owns the world? The world is whose?
<i>Na adi enwe uwa enwe</i>	The world is not owned by anybody
<i>Umu uwa wenata aka k'ofe loro alo zuoro anyi nri</i>	People of the world, mind how you do things
<i>If afo ga-eri n'elu uwa ka ukwu na achu</i>	Food for stomach is searched for with leg
<i>Olisa kere uwa tinye aka na uwa ga adi mma</i>	God created and sanctioned world to be good
<i>Udo udo ka mma ka anyi n'eche</i>	We all proclaim that peace is the best
<i>Na udo ga adi, makana ebe ifunanya di</i>	There will be peace, where love is
<i>Ka udo di nwanne m</i>	There is peace
<i>Umu uwa wenete aka ka ofe lolo alo zuoro anyi nri</i>	Let's do things with caution

Advice

This category of texts gives a form of personal or institutional opinions, belief, system values, recommendations or guidance as it relates to peace. This is fully packaged in the song by Rev. Fr. Patrick Orjiako, a Catholic priest of the Arch Diocese of Onitsha and a teacher in All Hallow Seminary, Onitsha. In his song titled *Egbe Belu Ugo Belu* Fr. Patrick recommends to the public an advice generated from Igbo proverb, that both kite and eagle should be allowed to perch. He related the importance of unity, as

brothers and sisters we need to unite because united we stand and divided we fall. Your brother or sister is rare to find and a tree does not make a forest. He advised that should be peace among all and we should avoid quarrel, and our actions should be peaceful.

Patrick Orjiako's Lyrics	English Translation
<i>Egbe Belu Ugo Belu</i>	Let Kite Perch, Let Eagle Perch
<i>Egbe belu ugo belu (Egbe belu ugo belu) Egbe belu ugo belu - o ewo Egbe belu ugo belu Nke siri ibe ya ebela ya gosi ya ebe o ga-ebe doo ewo Onye ahozina ibe ya okwu Onye ahozina nwanne ya okwu n'ih na nwanne di uko Onye ahozina ibe ya okwu Onye ahozina nwanne ya okwu n'ih na nwanne di uko – ewo Egbe belu ugo belu Ofu osisi anaghi eme ohia Gidigidi bukwanu ugwu eze Bunu bunu ibu anyi danda N'ih na nwanne enwe bu edi Onye aghana nwanne ya Anyi nile bukwanu umunne Anyi bu ofu umunne Anyi nile bukwanu umunne e wo</i>	Let the kite perch, let the eagle perch Let the kite perch, let the eagle perch Let the kite perch, let the eagle perch Let the kite perch, let the eagle perch Whichever tells its fellow not to perch should show it where to perch Don't antagonize your neighbour Don't antagonize your family member because a family member is rare Don't upset your neighbour Don't upset your family member because a family member is rare Let the kite perch, let the eagle perch A tree does not make a forest The great bustle surrounding his presence glorifies the king By acting together, little ants move a heavy load For even the monkey is a brother to the civet Let no one abandon a family member We are all related We are one family We are all one family indeed

Still in this situation, Osadebe in this track titled 'Do Good', advised that one who does well does it for oneself. He said when you do badly, you do it for yourself. If you cheat somebody, you are also cheating yourself. He told us that we are one and we should therefore act as one, live as one, eat as one, drink as one, talk as one so that there will be no division- meaning there is peace. He sang:

Do Good

If you do good, you deh do for yourself
When you deh do badly, na yourself you deh do
When you deh cheat somebody God deh see you
When you deh chop you no remember brother
You go feel na you alone God created
If you do badly, if you do well na for yourself alone
When you do well na yourself you deh do

Another song in this category is captured in a track titled *Obi*

Nwanne by Prince Morocco Maduka from Umugama Ukwulu in Dunukofia Local Government Area of Anambra State, Nigeria. His ideas and societal values of brotherhood was expressed in this song below:

Morocco Maduka's Lyrics	English Translation
<i>Obi Nwanne</i>	Brotherhood
<i>Umunne m na umunna m</i>	My brothers and sisters
<i>Ndi obodo anyi Nigeria</i>	People of our country Nigeria
<i>Kedu ife bu nsogbu</i>	What is the problem?
<i>Ajuju anyi na aju</i>	The question we are asking is
<i>Obu gini bu nsogbu anyi</i>	What is our problem?
<i>Ebe anyi na fight War Against</i>	Where we fight War Against
<i>Indiscipline na nwanne ya corruption</i>	Indiscipline and their corruption
<i>Gini bu nsogbua e</i>	What is then our problem?
<i>Ka m najuo</i>	I am asking
<i>Kama ineruo nime ya</i>	If you observe well
<i>N'Eze malu iwu n'onye</i>	A king advocates
<i>Kachali kpata aku na be ya</i>	Whoever acquires wealth
<i>Onye asikwala na mu siligi</i>	Let no body say I told you
<i>Makana isikwa na mu siligi</i>	For if you say anything
<i>Ikwuo ebe ndi wesi</i>	You go on gossiping
<i>Echi nile siwa siwa</i>	Tomorrow gossip gossip
<i>Nwanne echi kolu kolu kolu</i>	Next tomorrow story story
<i>Ona buzii gini bu nsogbu</i>	What is then the problem?
<i>Kanyi choba obi nwanne</i>	Let's embrace brotherhood

Prince Morocco was calling on people of Nigeria to appreciate each other as people of the same blood, country and race and as people of worth. He calls people to excuse bitterness and seeks for people and brotherly love. Morocco through this song preaches to people to search for unity, love and progress of our Nation and State.

Revelation

This category of texts discloses facts, reveals the importance of peace in this present world. Hidden facts about peace are revealed through such texts. Examples of songs in this category include *Ka Anyi Bili N'Udo* a highlife song by Chef Stephen Osita Osadebe. He revealed to all that peace is the paramount thing in this world and we cannot look for better thing than peace, all that matters is peace. He revealed that it is God's desire that the world he created should be in peace, and where peace is, there is joy, there is love, and there is progress. Everything is complete in this world of peace. If we want victory, we must have peace, long life shall be ours, and good health shall be ours. Therefore there is need that we unite so that we will live in this world of peace. He sang:

Stephen Osita Osadebe's Lyrics	English Translation
<i>Ka Anyi Bili N'Udo</i>	Let's Live in Peace
<i>Ogini ka anyi na-acho n'uwa</i>	What are we looking for in this
<i>N'obu udo</i>	world?
<i>Makana udo kasinu</i>	It is peace
<i>Lee na Chi kere anyi n'elu uwanu</i>	Because peace is great
<i>Lee na ogwara anyi na gboonu</i>	God the creator of this world
<i>Anyi bilizienu n'udo</i>	He told us to live in peace
<i>Mana udo kasinu</i>	Because peace is the best
<i>Ebe udo di n'uwa ka anuri n'adi</i>	Where peace is, there is joy
<i>Ebe udo di n'uwa ka ifunanya dio</i>	Where there is peace, there is love
<i>Ebe udo di ka oganiru na aka adi</i>	Where there is peace, progress is
<i>Biko ka anyi bili n'udo makana udo</i>	there
<i>kasi</i>	more
<i>Onye aghakwana nwanne ya n'uwa</i>	Please let's live in peace for it is the
<i>Oghara nwanne ya, onyezi ka iga-</i>	best
<i>agbakulu n'uwa</i>	Let's not abandon one another in this
<i>Osi na egwu na atu ya</i>	world
<i>Ogini na atu ya egwu nwanne m</i>	If you do, whom do you turn to
<i>Osi na obu onwu na atunu ya egwu</i>	If he say he is afraid
<i>Mana onye obuna ga-anwu anwu</i>	What is making him to be afraid
<i>Onwu na-emeli anyi</i>	If he says he is afraid of death
<i>O bu gini ka anyi na arionu Chukwu</i>	But we will all die
<i>Ka anyi bili n'udo</i>	Death is victorious over us
<i>Oji nwanne ya alu uka</i>	What are we asking God
<i>Obu so gi ga ebi n'elu uwa</i>	That we all might live in peace
<i>Oji nwanne ya anu nkwu</i>	One who smears his brother
<i>O bu so gi ga ebi n'elu uwa</i>	Are you going to live alone
<i>Makana onye amaro ife amaro na</i>	One who slanders his brother
<i>nwanne ya bialu be ya n'obuzi</i>	Are you going to live alone
<i>obia</i>	Because a fool does not know that
<i>na be ya</i>	his brother is a visitor in his
<i>Were oji iga echee onye ozo chere ya</i>	house
<i>nwanne gi</i>	Present him the kola meant for
<i>Makana na onye obia ka obu</i>	another
<i>Umu Igbo unu ekewakwana</i>	Because he is also a visitor
<i>Onye aghana nwanne ya</i>	Igbo people let's unite
<i>Anyi chonu mmeri anyi ga enwe udo</i>	We should not abandon one another
<i>Umunne m ka anyi bili n'udo</i>	If we want victory, we must have
<i>Ogologo ndu na aru ike na obu nke</i>	peace
<i>anyi</i>	My brother, let's live in peace
<i>Unu mana udo ka</i>	Long life and health shall be ours
<i>Ifunanya kasi akasi ebe udo dinu</i>	You know that peace is best
<i>Udo kasi aka, onye aghana nwanne</i>	Love is more where there is peace
<i>ya</i>	Let's unite for peace is the best

Chief Osita Osadebe in another song titled *Ezi Omume Di Mkpá* revealed to the audience the importance of having a judicious person, truthful and excellent person in the society and why good behavior is important. In a society where you have elites, aristocrats without truthful and well behaved persons who can give good suggestions for the Nation even on how to make use of the money and giving direction to the elites, everything will be unproductive. He sang:

<i>Stephen Osita Osadebe's Lyrics</i>	English Translation
<i>Ezi Omume Di Mkpá</i>	Good Behaviour is Imperative
<i>Umunne m na Umunna m Ma nwoke ma nwanyi Unu makwa n'elu uwa nke a anyi nonu ife di n'ime ya buru ibu Anyi nwesiri ndi gulu akwukwo Anyi nwesiri ndi kpara ego bulu aka ij aku Mana omenani adi anwu anwu Omenani bu ezigbo omume - onye eziokwu Onye ga-atuta alo ife obodo anyi ga- eji di mma Mana onye ahu mara akwukwo, aka ji aku na onye amamihie Ndia nile bara anyi uru mana ife kasi mkpa bu ezigbo omume Makana obodo zukota na aga akpa alo otu obodo ga esi dim ma Aka ji aku ga-ano na ya, ndi mara akwukwo ga anokwazi Mana afuozikwanu onye eziumume, ife nine akwuru Makana okalibazienu, aka ji aku weputezienu Mmadu ana eje olu Onye amakwukwo edelibezienu Ya bunu ana m asinu ka nyi jikota onu Nke onye na-alu ya weputanu Makana amamakwukwo di iche Enwere m ego di iche Amamihie dikwara onwe ya Ma ife ndia nile bu nwanne Mana onye amamife adiazinu Ife nile ndia buna nkiti Owetara ego, ode akwukwonu Alo ka akparakwulunu ego ya ji lu olu Onye ga-edede akwukwo edebezienu Ife nile ndia buna ezigbo omume kasi mkpa</i>	Brothers and sisters Both male and female Do you know that in this world we are There are many things We have learned people We have rich people But tradition never dies Tradition is good behavior- truthful person One who gives the town good advice But that learned person, the rich person and the wise person They are all important But the most important is good behaviour Because when people gather to discuss the progress of the town Rich person will be there The learned people shall be there If there is no good person Everything will stand still But through discussion, the rich brings money People will work The learned will then write That is why I say lets unite Contribute accordingly Being learned is different Being rich is different Wisdom is also different But all are related But without wise person All these are in vain The money provider, the writer Is as a result of suggestion that money worked The writer then writes In all, good behavior is most valuable

Another song on this situation is captured in this track titled “The Spirit of Love” by Majekodunmi Fasheke, popularly known as Majek Fashek, a Nigerian reggae singer, song writer and guitarist. He is best known for the v1989 album- ‘Prisoner of Conscience’ which included the single track Let the Rightous Take Over the Earth. Below are the song texts of this track:

Spirit of Love by Majek Fashek

Heaven and earth will pass away
 Moon and stars will pass away
 The spirit of love will never go away
 The spirit of love shall always be the same
 Silver and gold will pass away
 Oil and coal will pass away
 But the spirit of love will never go away
 The spirit of love shall always be the same
 Some are saying I am a crazy boy
 The spirit of love will never go away
 The spirit of love will never lead us astray
 The spirit of love shall always be the same

Majek Fashek through this track revealed that only the spirit of love shall prevail. The heaven and earth, moon and stars, silver and gold, oil and coal shall all pass away but only the spirit of love shall never pass. He tried to change peoples’ perception towards things that are not important, that shall pass away- the change that will lead to change in attitude, change in behavior and a change in the world. Through love, world peace not only becomes possible, peace becomes probable.

Impression

This is another category of song texts with right inspiring lyrics, motivates ones feeling, ideas, opinion to accomplish one’s goal or just a reminder about appreciating the beauty of the world that we live in. Oliver De Coque in his song *Ibili Ka m Bili* gave the impression that the world will contain everybody. That there is no need to struggle, all shall live- the elders, the children, the leaders- all will live; he gave us the impression that the advent of science and technology to our Nation will turn things from good to best but it requires patience.

Oliver De Coque’s Lyrics	English Translation
<i>Ibili Ka m Bili</i>	Live and Let Me Live
<i>Ibili o ibili ka m bili</i>	Live and let me live
<i>Onye azona uwa azo, uwa gabata</i>	Let no one be grabby, the world will
<i>onye obuna</i>	contain everyone
<i>Ibili o ibili ka m bili</i>	Live and let me live
<i>Okwa mmadu nwe ogodo ewu na ata</i>	Who owns something being
<i>Ukwu na ama ogodo adiro mma igba</i>	destroyed
<i>oto</i>	Clothed hip is not supposed to be
<i>Onye bili ibe ya bili</i>	naked
<i>Nwata ga eto n’iru nne ya too n’iru</i>	One should live, another should live
<i>nna ya</i>	A child will grow in the presence of
<i>Ndi okenye ga- ebi umu aka ebili</i>	the parents
<i>Leaders of tomorrow ga- ebili</i>	Elders will live and children will live

<i>Umu aka anyi ji nwe nchekwube n' uwa ga-ebi</i>	Leaders of tomorrow will live Children our future hope in this world will live
<i>Umu Nigeria nwenu ndidi</i>	People of Nigeria, be patient
<i>Ndi na-achi Nigeria nwenu ndidi</i>	Leaders of Nigeria, be patient
<i>Jisienu ike na anyi kwu unu n'azu</i>	Be courageous, we are supporting you
<i>Chukwu enyego anyi ndi na-alu sayence</i>	God has given us the scientists Science and technology are in our country
<i>Science na technology abatago obodo anyi</i>	We have our own industries We have our own factories
<i>Industry adigo anyi na aluzi nke anyi</i>	Go to the market things are happening
<i>Factory adigo na anyi na aluzi nke anyi</i>	Go inside towns, things are happening
<i>Jekene n'afia k'ifu ife ndi be anyi na- alu n'aka</i>	We have hope that things will be alright
<i>Baa n'ime obodo k'ifu ife ndi be anyi na-alu n'aka</i>	Things will become better but with patience
<i>Anyi nwere nchekwube na ife ga adi mma</i>	
<i>Ife di oku ga-aju oyi mana ochoro ndidi</i>	

Appeal

This category of song texts appeals to either God or human for help and support, an attempt to make God or someone do or accept something as right or proper by saying things that are directed at a person's feeling; Majek Fashek in this situation had a song he titled 'Let Righteousness Take Over The Earth'.

Let Righteousness Take over the Earth

Let the righteous take over the earth
 Let the righteous take over this wicked world
 Let the workers of iniquity be chased out of creation
 O Lord, you are righteous
 O Jah, you are truly righteous
 The way everything's are going, anything might happen now
 Unrighteous people turning things up side down
 Oh what a great confusion in this kind of generation
 Oh Lord, wipe away confusion
 O Jah, wipe away tribulations
 Praying to God- Jah
 Let the righteous people take over the earth
 Righteous water, take over the sea
 Righteousness in the sky, take over the earth
 Cover the earth, oh righteousness
 Cover the world, oh righteousness
 Take over the earth, oh righteousness

Majek Fashek through this song appeals to God-Jah to let the righteous people take over the earth, to let righteousness take over the earth. He prayed that righteous water should take over the sea and the righteousness in the sky should cover the earth. He prayed that the workers of iniquity be chased out of creation because,

unrighteous people are turning things up side down , great confusion everywhere and he believe only Jah can wipe away such confusion and such tribulations.

Strategizing Works of Selected Nigerian Musicians for the Actualization of Global Peace

Man is not the ultimate measure of all things, rather he can only himself by reaching beyond himself. Hazrat Inayat Khan says “the solution to the problem of the day is the awakening of the consciousness of humanity to the divinity within”. Without proper spiritual idea, humanism would become phenomenon incapable of constructing adequate solutions to mans’ most essential problem and therefore incapable of helping man to attain his perfect fulfillment.

Inner peace creates world peace. The power of music can be utilized to further the goal of peace on earth. There is no language required in the musical world for the power of music is the power of the heart. The global environment can survive only if we learn to live in peace and harmony with our fellow human beings. Some Nigerian musicians through their music focus on promoting individual inner peace, love, compassion and forgiveness. Their music showcases international, national, and ethnic with subjects ranging from the human condition to sustainability and the environment, with a mission to expand the definition of peace beyond anti-war ideology, activism or specific causes.

Some Nigerian musicians’ help in actualization of global peace through voluntary service and love for the music profession, since most of them know the cultural, moral values which are imbedded in their music. It is therefore imperative to do a collection of their songs that relate to peace, notate and annotate them, package them and put them on the internet, television, radio, CD and use them as ringing tunes for many people to always hear them in addition to life performance. Music is a language of the soul. Musicians that have love for this profession should sacrifice their money, time to enhance the viability of the profession. They can use their music to educate the society by setting out messages they want to pass across to the society into music because words may not prevail, music does and that quite easier because it soars into the spirit.

Considering the negative modern trends in Nigerian music, where some of the Nigerian musicians record and perform songs which show pointless/meaningless/corrupt lyrics, there is great need to

split musicians just as we have different styles of such as highlife, pop, reggae, rock and others. They should be divided according to the issues they address such as “Peace musicians”; “Moral musicians”, “Sexual musicians”, “Theological musicians “and so on. They can also be divided into two: “Spiritual Texts Musicians and Social Texts Musicians”. All musicians that record and perform songs with sacred texts should belong to the spiritual group and all musicians with secular texts should belong to social group. This will serve as a point of direction to many musicians in choosing their contents properly. It will help to call to order, some of our musicians who are leading people astray through their music in the name of making money, whose music is full of pointless, meaningless/corrupt lyrics, who are not doing the proper work of a musician. As pointed by Ipere (2002:50), “the musician is by nature a moralist and great preacher”. These musicians offer nothing except corruption. Worthy texts musicians, through their music, direct, educate, mobilize, instigate, criticize and redirect the minds of people to move towards the right paths. They produce good music good melody, good instrumentation, meaningful lyrics, good sound, good tones; good vocal, written and sung by people who have experience what they are singing.

Musicians through their music evangelize people, they met criteria for effective evangelization which are *metanoia* - radical change of heart and mind where the mind seeks the truth and the heart opened to life through love, conversion, be evangelized and be convinced. They are convinced and that is the essence of preaching to people to convince them too of the essence of peace in our society. Through their music, they disseminate information; they educate, criticize, mobilize, make social commentaries, direct and redirect the mind of people towards the rights paths.

These selected works should be used for many things. TV/ Film producers should focus on acting themes related to peace and using such music in their film productions. NGOs and humanitarian organizations should engage the services of these musicians and their well structured songs contextually to project peace and understanding among nations. Global thought leaders, social enterprise and technology innovators through worldwide concerts can create transformational entertainment experience that empower, educate humanity by using these musicians for music promotion.

Conclusion and Recommendations

This paper has discussed the issues related to peace. Selected texts of Nigerian music that bother on peace has been analyzed and evaluated with a view of discovering what factors are responsible for the direction, interpreting the messages of the texts and to determine the significance of these songs in our troubled world. The song texts illuminated the different issues relating to peace and their needs in this era of instability and intolerance, and needs to promote better understanding through the power of music. “When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace” said Jimi Hendrix.

Music has the power to speak directly to the heart. It makes anger to melt, hatred dissolves and peace dawns. It can inspire enlightened awareness and lovingly empower us to see and treat each other as brother and sister. When our souls know such liberation, we then know it will end and peace on earth will prevail. The global environment can survive only if we learn to live in peace and harmony with our fellow human beings. We need the inspiration of music to help fulfill the dream of world peace. Music encourages us to transcend our petty differences. Music lifts us beyond ourselves and brings us together in awe, reverence and delight. It is medicine for the body and soul. Music has the ability to communicate deeply and bring people together. “Singing together helps us experience in the body our connection to each other and the planet, summons our collective courage, enlivens us and inspires us to play our part in creating a life sustaining society” says Gretched Sleicher.

Some of the Nigerian musicians’ who help in actualization of global peace through their music should be encouraged to create more songs of peace and social change. The idea to showcase songs that inspire peace is to encourage the musicians who use their creativity to inspire positive change. The internet should be powerful tool through which songs that inspire peace around the world and beyond can be spread. We hope that by spreading the vibration of peace music, we can help to heal the world from war and destruction and separation.

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