

Dilemma of a Nation

If we share convoluted dreams
from triumphs of the past,
Do we make solemn trips
to utopian Promise Land?

If we unveil the ditties of war
to avenge those winging causes,
Do we undo those wrongs,
at the pinnacle of power?

We make to salvage the land
and alter the state of affairs.
Do we convince the moles
that dwell within as wolves?

The chief assumes a god
we cower at his vicious rod.
Do we thwart his ethnic rule
whose ways defy our will?

His gait betrays a cheerful stunt
in caveat lines of deceit:
“I am for all of you;
I am for nobody”.

Do we honor the hope revolt brings;
Or endure the joys misery permits.
If the land reels in mistrust,
do we dive in the pool of despair?

We bewail the carnage of lies,
Spoken from the pulpit of CHANGE.
It gratifies no taste of hunger,
which brews from the scrawny flesh of the masses
The land congeals of blood
And mother earth conjugates flames. ..

We decry the neglect for rule of law
that honors our freedom, turned sour
It pacifies no heedless youth
whose heart is set for mayhem and destruct.
The idle hand that hatches infamous eggs,
betrays the urgent call for a peaceful end.

If we salvage the foothill of power,
do we ignore the agitators on the verge of war?
We douse in the clouds of confusion
do we query the gods of verdict
the answers that linger within
the calabash of the future?

We watch, as the carnage deteriorates:
of bandits kidnapping for ransom
of nomads ravaging farmlands
of gunmen murdering detectives
of debts scaling the horizon
unnerving the heart of the nation.

If we share convoluted dreams
from triumphs of tomorrow,
Do we inquire from *Chukwu Okike**
the fate of this great clime?

Chukwu Okike - The Supreme Being for Igbo spirituality and the source of creation.

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