## The Bastard

## ~~~ Kingsley Eneh

His countenance was moody His containers were woody All he has not gotten Were left to rotten Always received harsh treatment Like the package of an evil shipment. He never asked to be born, but now he has to face the horn.

A guiltless guilty soul; A faultless faulty sole He is innocent, folks Yet he received many pokes To make him choke. His days in the bloody darkness, Wrapped in the floody daftness, On his throat was kept a knife A drug attempt, to take his life.

A threat he always wears as a coat. His tears, forming an ocean for his boat, He never sanctioned the illicit pleasure He is now an unwanted implicit treasure.

When he came alive, In their eyes he was a bee hive; He has developed no sense But already viewed as nonsense He received great hostility It swallowed his positivity

That which he received Marred the things he perceived. All of his frailty A combo of severe cruelty Paled his mind His visions made blind The unfortunate misfortune is the badge He would always hang in his garage.

His mother has no suitor, She claims he's murdered her future "You are just a mistake Forever, you, I dissipate" She wails and she laments. Not aware he was in torment, For all her comment Are like a fiery dart Piercing deep through his heart.

## Nigerian Journal of Poems and Short Stories (NJPSS) (Vol. 3 No 1, 2023) ISSN: 2814-3752, E-ISSN: 2814-3757 Indexed in Google Scholar (Email:njpssng@gmail.com) Editors: Manu Mangattu, Ifeoma Ezinne Odinye

His attention wasn't proper They never wanted him to prosper In a sincere grading He received a terrible training

Always deemed surplus Even when he seems scrupulous They see not his good They deny him his food His pleas they refuse His tears, they diffuse He has been pushed to the cliff As if he was a thief,

They have an evil intention To take him into detention Let his spirit be cast down And make his hopes drown . . .

... The environment helped not his plight, "Who is your father?" They ask in fight. He does not have a clue, This makes him stuck in the glue, He never received it from Mama Oh! It would have been a manna To keep his breath in his lungs, He skips their bread and takes his runs.

He left home With no phone To keep out And sleep out. Soon he found some folks, Who offered him a coke.

They were rough And in every turn tough, Like rascal niggas Chewing raw gingers.

Crowned in dreadlocks Dangerous like the hemlocks. They gave him a coat And they rode in one boat.

They removed his rags Made him a member of their gang. He is so bitter But doesn't care the litter,

Because he's received a crunch That took the appetite of his brunch.

## Nigerian Journal of Poems and Short Stories (NJPSS) (Vol. 3 No 1, 2023) ISSN: 2814-3752, E-ISSN: 2814-3757 Indexed in Google Scholar (Email:njpssng@gmail.com) Editors: Manu Mangattu, Ifeoma Ezinne Odinye

The members of his gang Speaking with the cobra's fang

Are teenagers of timbre and caliber, Who were once flogged with the timber And tortured with the calliper.

They have one business, Born not out of laziness But a vendetta Of their harsh encounter.

The streets get bloody And they go strict on everybody. Houses are burgled That possess so many baubles.

They become fraudulent In the society, cause turbulence A pure nemesis For all their enemies.

We cannot but say; "They are inexcusable And very accusable" But let the truth be told, They were pure gold Precious priceless destinies Wasted by abysmal entities.

Had they been accepted And wasn't intercepted, Forgiven, though they did no crime Before their prime;

Oh! perhaps, They wouldn't have needed a rehab. For that single act of neglect And treatment like a piglet,

We have men of the underworld Who fancy women's underwear Dare to call them Bastards That will surely be your last card.

~~~Kingsley Eneh is a writer and poet. He is a Certified Public Speaker, Content Creator, Relationship Coach, Marriage Counsellor, Good Parenting Advocate, and A servant of God. He currently resides in the United Kingdom. Email Id: <u>Kingsleyenehc@gmai.com</u>