



**SHORT WRITE UPS AND POEMS**

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THE JOURNEY TO THE TOP

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# 1. JOURNEY TO THE TOP

The journey tagged difficult seems to be difficult because

I took it too hard.

Here comes the morning

When I rise and all I think of is how to earn enough to eat for the day

And forget to think about tomorrow;

I sleep in the night without thinking of the morning's meal.

The journey to the top is said to start with just a step,

I strongly disagree because a journey without

A plan is just a stroll.

The journey to the top in my country is so easy

As long as I know someone who

Earns a million Naira in a few hours.

I fight and struggle to the top

While I finance the top with my sweat.

How do the young at heart make it to the top?

When all we do is work and think of achieving

The same goal of being the richest.

Why don't we all imbibe the

Mentality of being rich enough to meet our needs

Then help others become rich as well.

It doesn't matter who gets there first,

What really matters is helping others get to the top as well.

I looked around and noticed I can't get to the top  
Without shedding blood and tears; must it always be?

The journey to the top isn't easy because even

With my plans, the *dough* is needed to implement it,

My question remains, how do I get the *dough*?

The journey to the top is filled with bumps,

When you accept those bumps in good fate,

They help you take a peep at what the top looks like.

The journey to the top is tagged difficult

Because I chose to see it as being difficult...

## 2. HERE IS A PLACE

Here is a place where you see a wealthy land with  
Its people suffering and striving for their daily bread.  
Here is a place where it is obvious that the poor is the majority  
but the rich takes the credit.

Here is a place where we have it all figured out in words  
And nothing in reality.

Here is a place where the poor gets the fertility of children  
And the rich gets fertile resources.

Here is a place filled with chaos and crises but my  
*Presido* acts like it's nothing.

Here is a place where the screams and cries of people  
Is been heard as a joyful noise,

Here is a place where the politicians share the loot  
Yet claim to spend it on improving our lives.

Here is a place where the politicians kill us  
And make our spirits vote during elections.

Here is a place where the guilty judges the innocent.

Here is a place where looting begins from the  
President continues to the less privileged

Then the less privileged takes the blame for *Presido's* theft.

Here is a place where the blood of our past heroes  
Demand revenge but no one seems to be listening.

Here is a place where the truth seems to be evil  
And lies are well appreciated.

Here is a country,

Where we fight for irrelevant things

And leave the fight for our right to our ancestors and God.

Here is a place where *presido's* son gets to ride a  
Power bike and I get to pay for his accident.

Here is a place where the world sees as its dump yard.

Here is a place; here is Nigeria.

### 3. MY FUNNY PRINCE

Oh, this seems to be a prince pretty far away from home,  
A prince who people know little about how great he'll become.  
This prince seems to be lost in this world  
And knows little about what the future holds.  
A prince who sees the world as a playground.  
My prince who couldn't find his path  
Till he met the twin oracle who helped heed his call.

My prince began to learn to be a prince but a humble one.  
You can't tell he is a prince till he tells you.  
My prince who loves to go the long way  
Rather than use the royalty road.  
My prince who taught the world to take life as a joke  
And see how funny life gets.  
My funny prince who says a word  
And you laugh a million times,  
My prince hmm! A man like a parrot,  
A man so strong that can hold a heart break to himself,  
A man so cheerful and helpful that can  
Give his known enemy his own meal while he starves.

My funny prince who I know is going to  
Make a fine king someday while we rule the world together.  
My prince who strives to know the lord  
But the environment seems to be unwilling.  
My funny prince who so much loves his twin oracle  
And moves with them and the trio conquers the world.  
My funny prince I know will one day  
Bring back the pride of the Yoruba's.  
My prince the world and the twin oracles await you.  
Hasten o my prince.

## 4. LOVE

People define love as some sort of emotional feeling  
But I see love as being the same with life.  
Love is defined by your experience of it,  
When you are broken hearted you define love as a bad feeling;  
When you fall in love it becomes a world  
Filled with everything you need.  
You fall in love with the wrong person  
So that you can know how to handle  
Or flow with the right person.  
Being in love with the right person  
Will surely bring out the best in you.

Love is two sided just like a coin;  
it has the head and the tail,  
The good times and the uneasy times.  
But no one wants to see the tail  
We all want to enjoy the head.  
It goes hand in hand;  
You can't have one and leave the other.  
We all get to see both sides.  
Love is an action not just a feeling,  
You can't claim to love without showing it.  
It's more important to even show it than merely speak about it.

Love is like an ocean that can both hurt and help.  
Love is best enjoyed in one's old age,  
When you look back and see a fulfilled life  
With someone of like minds.  
Love is blind so I heard but no one ever said love is dumb.  
Love is patient but love isn't stupid.  
My generation no longer believes in this;  
Although love till old age seems impossible  
So we all lose real ones because we don't search for them.

## 5. PARENTS

Parents are known to be a father and mother, man and woman  
But I feel it goes farther than  
The sperm meeting with the eggs and forming you.  
Parents, those make you convenient despite how inconvenient it is.  
They are People who would go an extra mile to see you smile.  
They are the last resort you rely on  
When the whole world seems to be against you.  
Parents are everywhere but the real ones stay scarce.  
In my century, giving birth makes you a parent  
But in the real sense, parenting isn't a title but a virtue.

Being a parent is a sacrifice you aren't willing to make yet,  
However, such great sacrifice yields a brilliant reward in future  
When the egg becomes a parent also.  
It is acceptable for parents to beat and spank a child  
To ensure that he does not depart from the truth;  
Even the bible says,  
The rod builds the child but parents should know  
That they have to love before they beat  
And even love more immediately after scolding.  
Being a parent is a privilege not a right.

## 6. THE PLAYFUL KID

In the night looking for a girl,  
Here comes a tap with the voice,  
'Hey! do you remember me?'  
Here goes the playful kid in my primary days.  
I got to my room starving, went in search of food  
Only to find the playful kid offering a meal  
To my childhood best friend.

The playful kid and I grew to be so close  
And our secrets remained between us.  
The playful kid had an ambition to be a lawyer  
And with his small stature got the name 'baby lawyer'.  
The playful kid became my twin as we began to look alike  
Due to the intimacy between us.  
We fell in love with each other;  
Even became closer than just brothers.  
Our friendship became a family affair  
As both families knew each other and became friends as well.

The playful kid was such a Pogba on the field  
And a Romeo in his new relationship.  
The playful kid became independent  
And knew what to do at right time.  
Oh! now the playful kid is far from his twin brother  
because the twin brother is in a relationship,  
the playful kid had to bring the brotherhood back and  
Together they conquered the world.

The tale of the lawyer and the president  
All started from a tap from the first night.  
Friendship goes a long way from childhood till adulthood;  
There hasn't been any that could fill the playful boy's space  
In the twin brother's heart.

## 7. THE THREE DAYS SHIP

I met you and fell in love with you immediately,  
But I have been too timid and scared to show my feelings.

I finally summoned courage,  
Letting the cat out of the sack.  
I got a 'No' then I relegated myself to  
Making you see my world of love.  
Making my love known  
I stopped all potential devourers  
From coming near my love  
But you never knew the battle  
I fought because of you.

The world felt you were gonna lose if you didn't  
Have me, then you said yes.  
Now I get to cry for the world's opinion and  
Lose the chances of being with you;  
Knowing you were the best encounter in my life.  
Falling in love with you was the best feeling ever,  
Asking you out was the best decision I ever made,  
Yes was the best word you've said to me,  
Those three days of our relationship were the best days of my life  
and you leaving was the best teacher ever.

## 8. LOVE RE-AWOKEN

Off I went to a party right across my room,  
Then the game started and  
'Wow!' goes my mouth at the sight of an angel.  
I couldn't hold it any longer,  
The party ended and my courage was at its peak;  
Off I went to the angel and  
Wow I made the angel smile then  
Got a hug as a reward.

The angel and I became pretty close  
Just like the cloud and the rain.  
The 24 hours ticking of the clock  
Was dedicated to this angel.  
The angel showed me so much love  
But I didn't reciprocate it.

Immediately I got out of the three days ship  
The angel was there to wipe my tears way.  
The angel was always there for me;  
Oh then I fell in love with the angel  
And we stuck with each other on this journey to the top.

The angel was without a mother  
And practically no father as well.  
All I could do was fill in the gap.  
Oh! There was such long distance between us;  
I couldn't see clearly,  
Then insecurity found its way in.

Ouch! The ship began to sink,  
I must find a way to ignite the dead fire of love.  
Then all I could do was fall deeper in love  
And now the ship sails again.  
I love you...

The end.

-Unknown Voices.