

## To life. Thanks for being possible.

A study of ordinary days, reality, activities, emotions, rest, and realization.

A study of the ordinary.

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# Splash Splash Ibadan

gusts of sunset rain
I hurry towards an eave.
ripples in a pothole

# blind procession Ibadan

aircon cool – random light beams blind at night

## **Communal lullaby Ibadan**

evening clear rain draught for boneless sleep a mango tree whistles

## **Dull Dull Continent**

satellite wind – above dark continent a weightless chime

## **Golden Future Past**

In iron's plasticky mirror

Nose shy of a balloon

Inflating with age

Face, beading

Droplets in its pores

Grey, orange, then red

I wonder, will ours be known

As the electric age

## **Hello Strange Number**

I recall with humour

She said hello

Murdered my name

With sing song voice

I said yes this is him

She said we've been informed

Of a tragedy

Of metal and high-speed objects

We hear you were damaged

When engines crumpled

And tires screamed and tar

Ran red

I said no

She said memory is fickle

Swooned by reality to be

Left single when

On a silent night

A lock clicks

Recall the unreal

I said no

She said no more

# Anger

paper calm... plop splash of blood silence

#### **Elusive Nirvana**

My heart a perilous volcano
Tremulous lava imprisoned within
Scorching with contempt
Emanating destructive intent

My tears death throes of a dying storm Powerless against the searing heat Deaf to tremors of destructive intent

#### Sentience is Banished

depressions where elbows ankles butt-cheeks meet harmattan dealt foam one's head

languishes

in pillow's softness

a patterned ceiling

where

eyes roam

dusty air funnels

where

lungs expand

something seeps free
of a sedate form
insentient eyes gaze drowsily
about it

Its whole being

an ephemeral shawl

of windy motion

ventures to explore

through woodwork furniture

stuck in a wardrobe

freed to whirls

of a ceiling fan
shot out the ceiling and
into the night
sentience comes with moonlight

#### **Sentience is Awakened**

all is still

under heaven's most

luminous orb

gift of sentience is received

eyes

once aloof

crystallize with piercing

intelligence

intense sorrow

throbs

in once non-existent heart

I... have been banished

the moon looks on with pity

the night nods with understanding and

that special time—completely different to daytime

—slumbers by with indifference

#### **Sentience is Reunited**

in cold night's room sedate form stirs

even night-time piques

with eager anticipation

the moon

with calm warmth

the night

with relief

they know

sentience is about to return

stirring even more

a force of creation and

destruction to

depressions beneath it

in a moment of calm when

upright, driving night

out its eyes, and

night's mattress lies empty

sentience soars home

it gives up itself and

memories

to the moonlight—never to regain them

returns sentience and

memory

to its master

my sorrow finally ebbs

sunlight bursts forth and

that special time — completely different to night-time

—rushes by with indifference.

#### **This Monster**

this Monster
each time I try my body revolts
it claws tears and scratches
rips roars and growls
rages in fury
in longing yearning and craze
and I wonder
when did I allow this monster to grow...

### **Life's Contract**

Slaves to

Our

Expectations of one another

Our

Selves

Never to

Until

Death simply be

Until

We simply be

#### **About the author**

A night owl who thinks the world is more beautiful when attention is paid to the ordinary things in life. Ordinary things in constant flux to remain ordinary.