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**The Loss-Land**

Loss-Lands

Kidnapped futures

Dispossessed virginites

The Loss-land stretches

As ethereal sigh

In the hinterland of the Savannah

Alas! The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Besech this haunted domain

Yet, a heightened grope

In the wind of hope

Plunges upon my skeletal frame

Of violence untamed

This waning silver moon

Where laughter gone too soon

When ghosts dance

In fleeting moments

Of untimely deaths



Alas!The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Siphons our futures

Tree branches bare

Mirth so rare

Stars dusty and smeared

Skies deeply seeped in gushing blood

With moonlight stories left untold

As remnants of fractured dreams

Gothic images ripple like streams

As rivers weep with a sorrowful flow

Putrefying carcasses overflow

For in the loss-lands

Light may find its way

Deeper and deep

As new seeds rise

Like dawn, we will arise

Like the Phoenix

The lost-land shall arise from its ashes

And bloom into bountiful plenty



## Let the Poor Breath

Sweat, tears and blood

Flowing in our land

Awaiting a messiah's wand

The Naira wept

Our resources swept

These bulimic vampires slept

In this creaking statecraft

We scabbled for leftovers

As the dancing sun and wind

Held stagnant

With senseless loans

The economy moans

These orgies of inhumanity

Destroying our sanity

In this barbecued land

Glazed in the vuvuzela of kleptomaniacs

This great land

Now a disillusioned cubicle



As barns of intellect Japa  
We now Sapa  
Clobbered by fat lepers

### **The Cries of a Widow**

In dawn's first light  
Shadows dance in fragile flight  
A widow's cries  
Piercing the silent night  
  
Wandering through the blurred goodbyes  
Of deaths shrieking vile

With every step, a tether torn  
A life entwined now left forlorn  
The sweet songs fade  
Empty promises made

A symphony of pain  
Hope is slain  
Grief like waves ebb and flows



In a resilient heart that glows

With every tear, a memory flies

In that sorrowful cries

Lay a tapestry of tender ties

For though the night

May stretch so far

She learns to dance

Beneath each hurtful star

She wears her sorrow

Like a shroud

Death be not proud

For in the cries of a widow's heart

Resilience bloom

Through tear filled gloom