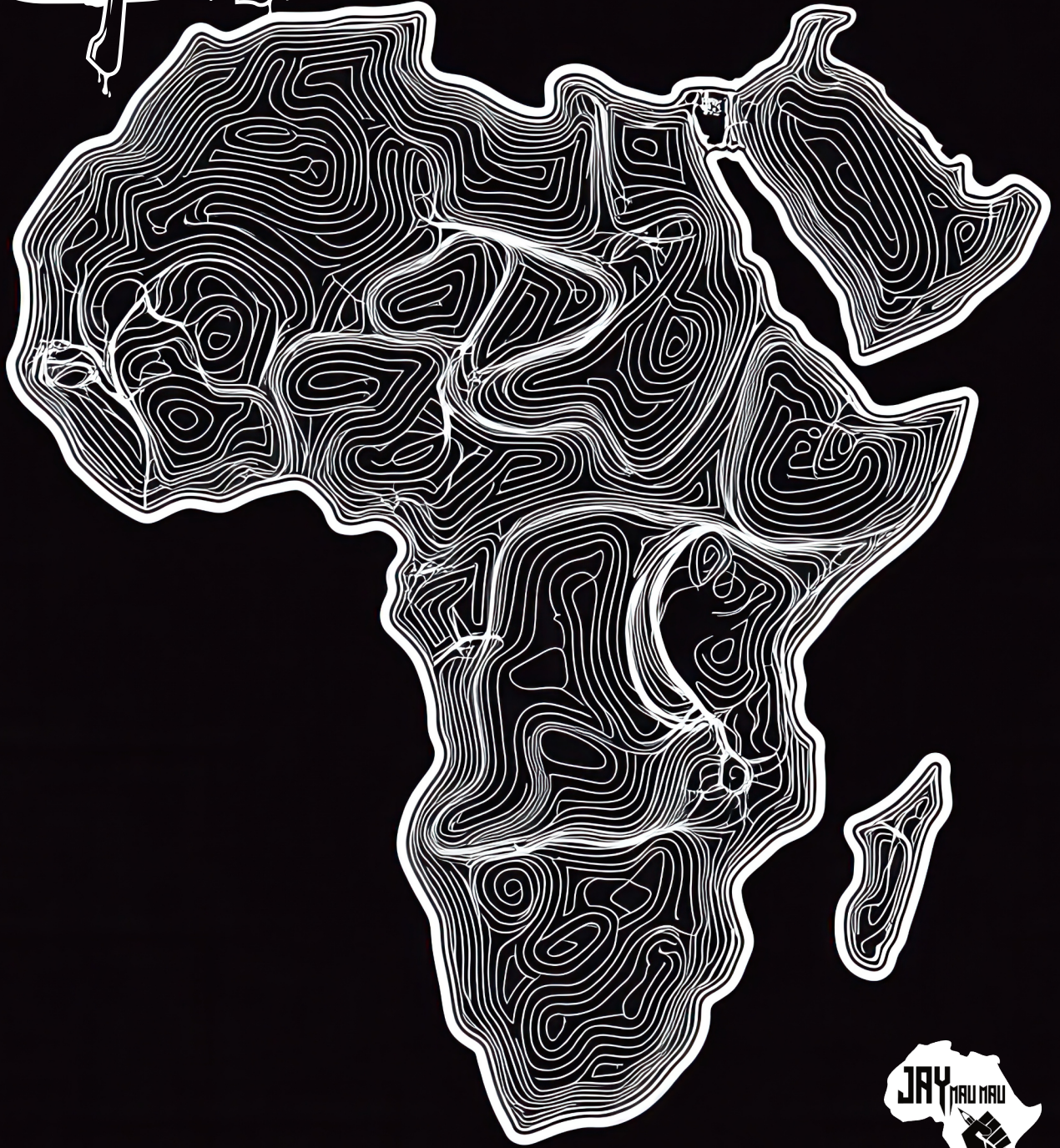


Hiphop



UHURU AFRICA

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A POEM IN TWO VOICES

by

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featuring RAINDROP



with speech excerpts from

MZEE JOMO KENYA! A
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DEDICATION

For the grandchildren of Mau Mau.

For those still waiting for manna.

*For every one-eyed chicken who dreams
of a better tomorrow for their children.*



Africa, Africa, Africa.





*"Our children may learn about the heroes of the past.
Our task is to make ourselves the architects of the future."*

— JOMO KENYATTA

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

— NELSON MANDELA





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Verse 1: Jay MauMau

Opinion is never neglected, it all depends on decisions made

I am fighting for this nation's piece of cake,

Mau Mau's grandchild — a hero — who was denied fruits of labor

Now I am issuing a manifesto while quoting speeches

from the late Mzee Kenyatta

Holding the elephant by his tusks, I invite you to milk

It's a riddle to the translators who have changed now

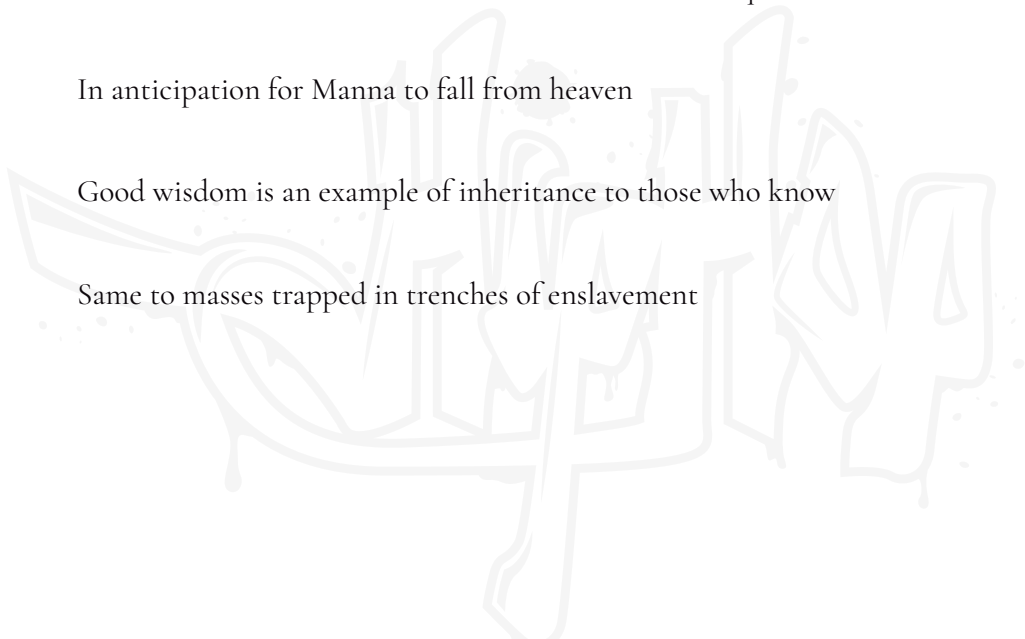
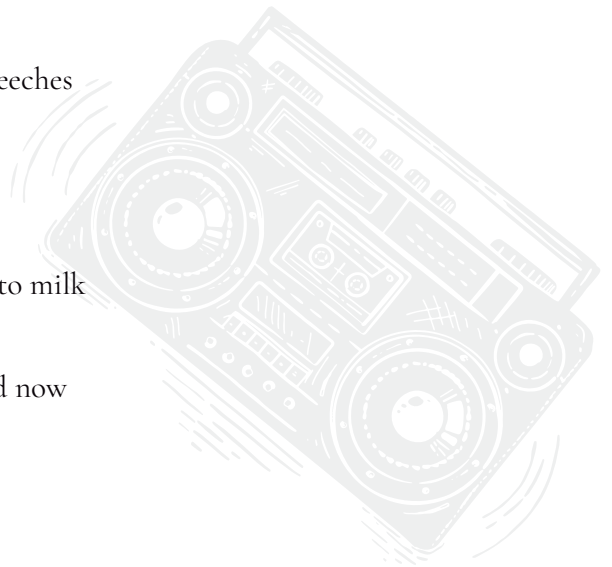
Merrymaking as they feast on milk and honey

Those who asked for a dance remain with unanswered questions

In anticipation for Manna to fall from heaven

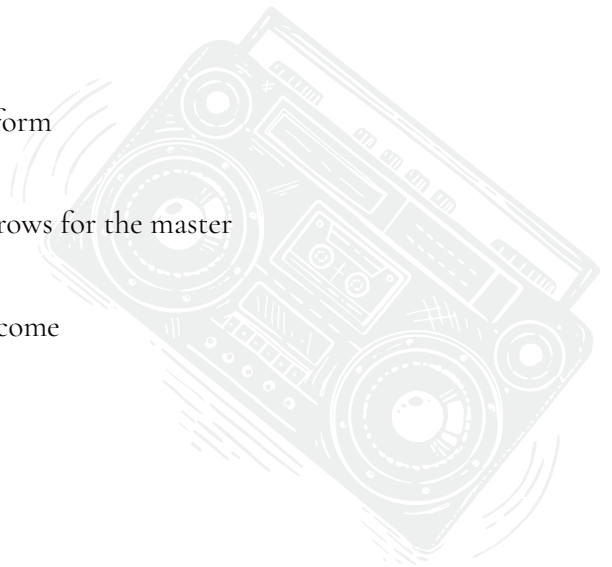
Good wisdom is an example of inheritance to those who know

Same to masses trapped in trenches of enslavement





As they wish justice to be done and prevail on common man
A nation where rumors grow wings,
A country where the oppressors trample on the impoverished
Dignity has been lowered like luggage that was long forgotten
A haunted town left for animal farm
Menial jobs unworthy to make ends meet
Challenges, constitution, their hard work means livelihood to them
Neo colonialism is not their wish,
Unavoidable circumstances push them to conform
I liken a peasant to one eyed chicken who burrows for the master
Only to kill his own vision for generations to come



Chorus: Raindrop

It's time we stand together, fight for equality, true freedom

Africa, Africa, Africa!

It's time we stand together, light fire in the wilderness

to bring change

Africa, Africa, Africa!



Verse 2: Fikrah Teule

If the rooster didn't crow at the break of dawn,

could I have arisen like sunshine?

I answer the Mwadhini's call for prayers

My speech is like a medal to a hero

It's another day I am fasting to dispel hunger

To those who enslave us with chains,

a day is coming we shall melt them

It's a wild! re we relentlessly ignite

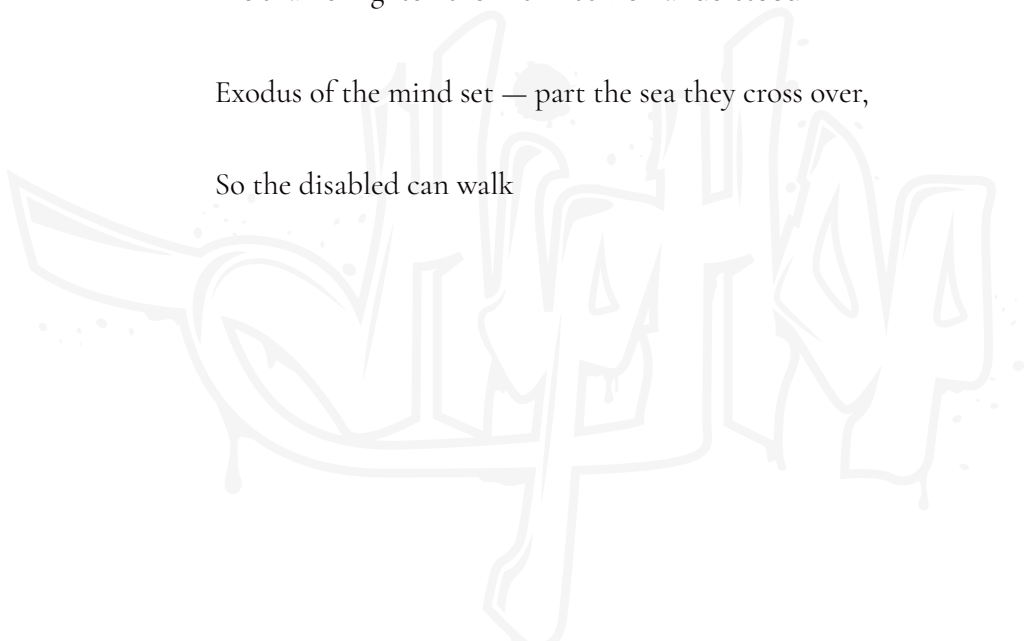
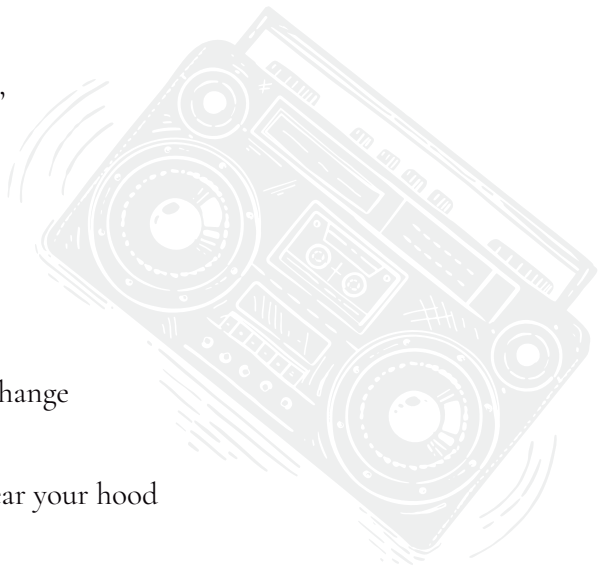
And let it spread with the wind of change

We are actualizing the revolution near your hood

We shall enlighten them 'till it's well understood

Exodus of the mind set — part the sea they cross over,

So the disabled can walk





The rains pounded now we know where the roof leaks

To the instigators of violence, we rebuke their intentions

I heard the cow drank water despite the frog croaking

They suppress us to conquer our minds at the ballot

Too egoistical and lazy to think right

Leaders don't pay taxes, masses remain heavily indebted

It's not worth it, it's not worth it...

Dear God hear our cry!

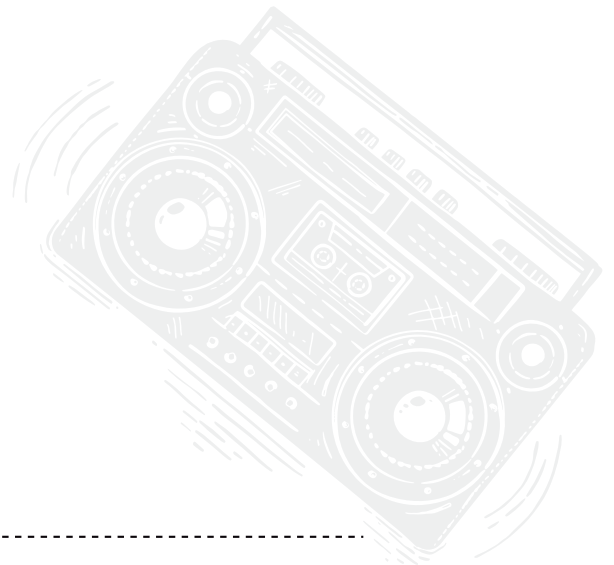
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[KISWAHILI]



Ubeti 1: Jay MauMau

Siku zote maoni hayakataliwi, utegemea uamuzi

Napigania kipande cha keki ya taifa

Mjukuu wa Maumau, shujaa alonyimwa fruits of labour

Nafungua manifesto, nikinukuu nakala za Hayati Kenyatta

Nimemshika ndovu pembe, njooni mkamueni

Walotafsiri kitendawili, wamebadili hali

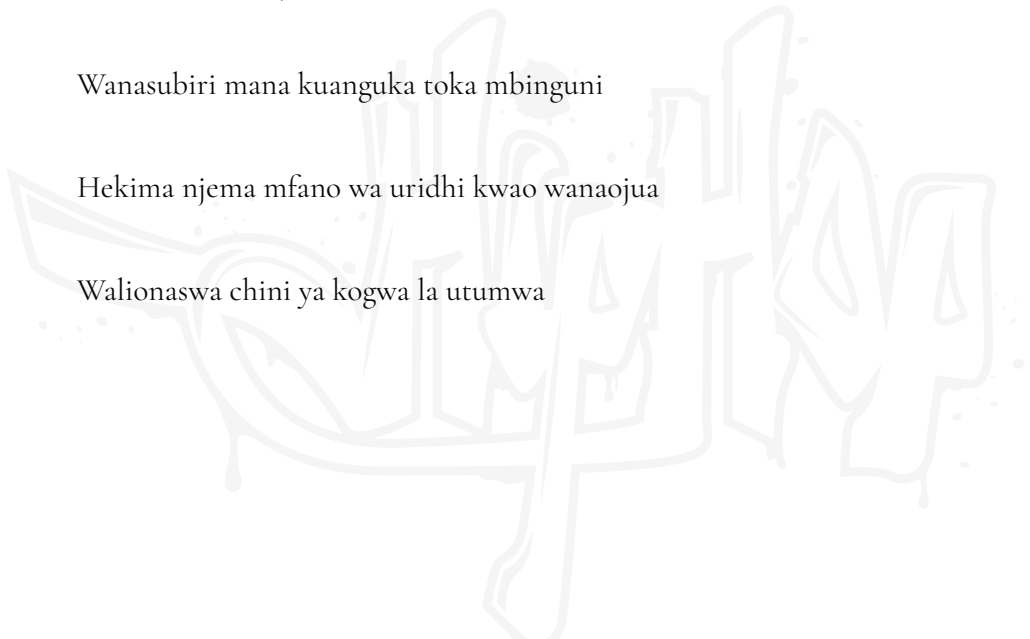
Wanakula na kunywa na kujifurahisha kwa maziwa na asali

Waloomba uwanja wa densi, wamebakia na maswali

Wanasubiri mana kuanguka toka mbinguni

Hekima njema mfano wa uridhi kwao wanaojua

Walionaswa chini ya kogwa la utumwa





Azimio lao haki, matakwa kwa mtu wa kawaida kutekelezwa

Nchi ya uvumi wa mabawa, taifa la wenye nguvu wakanyagao watu

Hadhi imeshushwa mfano wa mizigo iloachwa nyuma

Mji uliohamwa, shamba la wanyama

Kazi zao za kijungu jiko, kipato kidogo kisichokidhi

kukimu mahitaji yao

Changamoto katiba, bidii yao, uhai wao

Ukoloni mambo leo, sio kupenda kwao

Hali imewalazimu kufuata nyayo

Mtu kawaida mfano wa kuku wa chongo hufukulia mabepari

Kuangamiza maono mbali ya kizazi cha siku za usoni





Kiitikio: Raindrop

It's time we stand together, fight for equality, uhuru wa kweli

Africa, Africa, Africa!

It's time we stand together, moto nyikani, tulete mabadiliko

Africa, Africa, Africa!

Ubeti 2: Fikrah Teule

Asipowika jogoo je 'ngechomoza kama jua

Naskiza Mwadhini 'pige dua

Maneno yangu nishani kwa shujaa

Siku nyingine nafunga kufukuza njaa

Wanaotufunga minyororo, jua ipo siku tutaiyeyusha

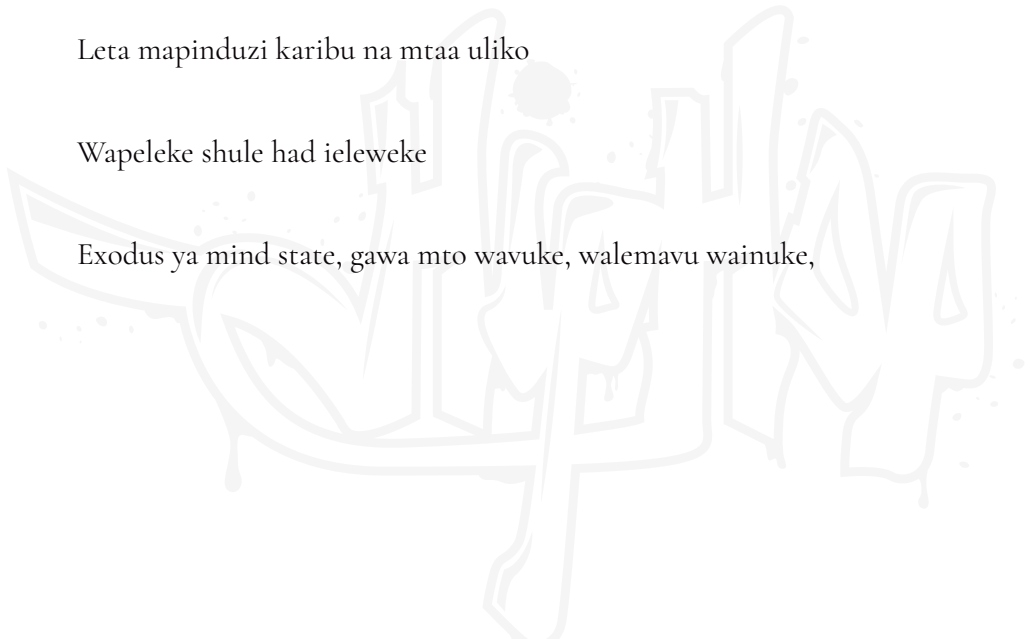
Moto huu nyikani twauwasha,

Kutanda ukiskumwa na upepo wa mabadiliko

Leta mapinduzi karibu na mtaa uliko

Wapeleke shule had ieleweke

Exodus ya mind state, gawa mto wavuke, walemavu wainuke,





Mvua kanyesha sasa tumejua panapovuja

Wachochezi wa maafa mipango yao tunaigeuza

Naskia ng'ombe kayanywa maji licha ya kelele za chura

Watuzidishia taabu ili wateke akili zetu kwa kura

Wameshiba sana, wanakuwa wavivu ku! kiria

Ushuru hawalipi, madeni yao twagharamia

Haifai, haifai

Ewe Mola skia kilio chetu

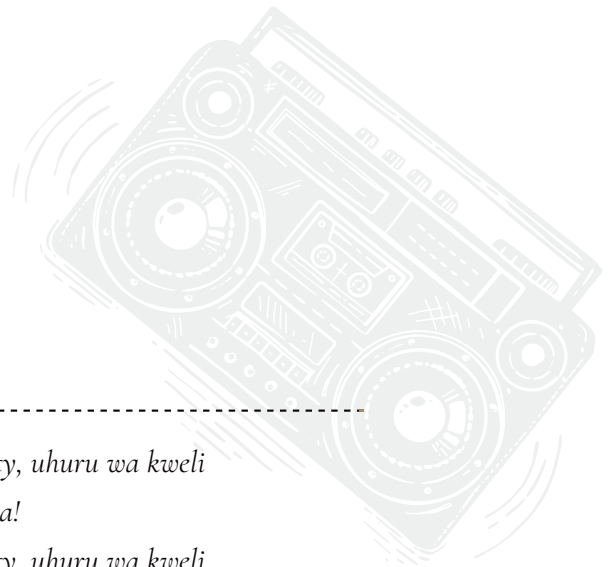
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FROM THE SPEECHES OF OUR ELDERS

MZEE JOMO KENYA! A

*“ We are going to forget the past and look forward to the future.
I have suffered punishment from the hands of the imperialists.
But that is all in the past. Our job now is to work together
to build a new country. ”*

— From a speech during Independence celebrations, 1963

*“ Many people may think that, now that Uhuru is here,
there will be a lot of wealth and happiness for everybody.
” at is not so. Uhuru means self-government:
the people will have to govern themselves and be responsible
for their own actions. ” ere will be no one to blame but ourselves. ”*

— From "Suffering Without Bitterness"

NELSON MANDELA

*“ During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to this struggle
of the African people. I have fought against white domination,
and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished
the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons
live together in harmony and with equal opportunities.
It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve.
But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die. ”*

— From the Rivonia Trial speech, 1964

*“ Sometimes it falls upon a generation to be great.
You can be that great generation. ”*

— From a speech in London, 2000



NOTES ON THE POEM



Verse 1, Line 3 — **Mau Mau:** ! Kenya Land and Freedom Army, primarily Kikuyu " fighters who led an armed rebellion against British colonial rule in Kenya in the 1950s. Many were denied the rewards of independence.

Verse 1, Line 8 — **Holding the elephant by his tusks:** A Swahili proverb about taking on a great challenge or seizing an opportunity despite its danger.

Verse 1, Line 17 — **One eyed chicken who burrows for the master:** A Kikuyu proverb (Kahu ka rigi gathukumaga mwene) about the poor working tirelessly for the rich, often at the expense of their own future.

Verse 2, Line 1 — **If the rooster didn't crow:** A Swahili rhetorical question about cause and effect, and the role of those who awaken others.

Verse 2, Line 13 — ! **The cow drank water despite the frog croaking:** A Swahili proverb meaning that opposition is futile against determined action; progress happens despite naysayers.

Verse 2, Line 16 — **Leaders don't pay taxes:** A reference to the common African critique of an elite class that enjoys wealth and power while avoiding the responsibilities imposed on the masses.





ABOUT THE ARTISTS



HUSTLAJAY is a Kenyan poet and MC whose work explores the intersection of hip-hop, oral tradition, and political commentary. A self-described "grandchild of Mau Mau," his lyrics draw on Swahili proverbs, Kikuyu storytelling, and the legacies of African independence leaders.

FIKRAH TEULE is a multi-disciplinary artist and thinker based in Kenya. His name, meaning "thought" and "different," reflects his approach to art as a tool for awakening consciousness. His work challenges neo-colonial structures and calls for mental and physical liberation.

RAINDROP is a vocalist whose anthemic choruses have become a signature element in contemporary African protest music. Her voice carries both the weight of struggle and the hope of renewal.

Together, they represent a new generation of African artists speaking truth to power, carrying forward the torch lit by Kenyatta, Mandela, and the unsung heroes of the continent's liberation.





This book was set in Garamond,
a typeface with roots in 16th century France,
chosen for its elegance and readability.

The cover was designed to reflect
the duality of the African struggle:
the open hand overing the fruits of labor,
and the closed fist of resistance.

Printed on acid-free paper.

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