

# Spring 2022

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#### **EMPERORS COVE**

We dived deep into the ocean
Tumbled and swirled
Swam up the waves
Reached the mountain tops
Birds sang on high like angels
Our senses filled with fragrances
Jasmine and gardenia
Love was Adams Ale
We drunk to our fill
It held us together pleasurable
Delightful sunlight on our faces
We dived into Emperors deep
The sea caves threw a blanket on us
Water embrace us
our love was copiousness

# I SILENCED THE NOISE

I become a decorative fabric woven into society
Timeless a period between cause and effect
Weaving in out of the intersecting roads of humanity
I met a thousand faces
Decoloured my past existence
Feasting in banquet of humanity
Oiling the wheels of my substance
I hurt my pride humbled my ego
Entered into alleys of euphemisms
Passed out the olives blended with my humanity

# LETTERS FROM HOME

In the deserted days Where the sun is my champion And the blood thirsts for water I tell the rays what I miss the most Catch my breath Sweat drip down my back My hands cracked from the labour Labour without gains Split the grounds to pass the hours Read the roads of my palms Roads that lead me back home Then I receive your letters Your words are rain in the summertime Soothe my blackened heart Grant elevation to my spirits My people, the force of humanity I cannot pray to surrender my heaviness I cannot cry to release my sentence

### WHITE FLAG

I finally washed my hands off love I explained being lonely as a place I was Gods gift was taking the long way round I keep counting the clouds in the sky Convince myself the sun will shine When loves tenderness is justified I lived in Antarcticas cold for a while Haunted by the fear of the love of a man The fear that haunted me for years Blasphemy I did not abide by the laws of love Love was a stranger I needed Needed a link, a bond at an intersection Bring down my walls of Jericho Part my Red sea Then love would be at hand Encounter it as the winds through my window It has its own texture endemic scintilla By the fireplace its mood is unwavering Wraps in me in its inclination Justify the hurt in the child Holds me close till the panic is elapsed

### **GRATITUDE**

Gone are the days when we lived for free

No bills to pay ,internet, electricity and mobile phone

Days were full of sunlight, joie de vivre

No CCTV on every corner

To monitor my movements

Police check for to me obtain employment

Mind your hand it my just touch the stranger

Mind your hand it may get the police called to your home

Humanity respected humanity

We were a central stem tied together

A framework stretching into our raceme

Blossoming flourishing we were soft earth

Flowing water sinuous well formed easy

Incense to the earth mother

We were substance to mortality

Our skin was without the invisible collar

The collar of our skin colour

We were neighbours

Sheltered each other as kith and kin

The days were gratis unpaid for

Granted my feet rest

Watch the seasons without a stir

We had texture to our humanity

Gratitude in our peace in armistice