

# Anthology of Leonard Maero W



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*My poetic Side* 

## Dedication

*To my dear wife Stella, my children Solomon, Leyan and Amirah. You bring sunshine in my life.*

## **Acknowledgement**

My parents, thank you for your sacrifice

My brothers and sisters. Thanks for your support.

## About the author

The author is a professional Biology/ Chemistry guider with a passion for writing living in Kenya.

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His published poems: Will you ever wake up by Ila magazine

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You Used Us published in volume 1 of The Way of Light Literature Magazine in India. Recognized as The Best Poet.

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His children's story, The Two Sisters was shortlisted for 2020 African Writers Awards (AWA) and the Wakini Kuria Award for Children's literature.

## summary

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## YOU USED US

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You came when we were hungry  
You came when we were hopeless  
You came when you needed help  
You came in our makeshift home  
You wanted our papers to soar high.

You told us we shouldn't suffer  
You told us we'll be safe  
You told us we'll get our share  
When we cast for you papers  
When we sing you're our person.

You ferried us near the forest  
You said there, we do farming  
You affirmed that we stay firm  
You gave us packets of food  
Your name stuck on them firmly.

Morning we came out to cast  
Mother and all to queue a must  
We saw you in big car at rest  
The winner, you were declared  
Then you forgot our desires.

You never came here again  
You voted the settlement motion against  
We were told to leave our barley  
We were kicked with heavy boots  
We saw our houses get burnt.

My brother's head got a bullet  
My sister, like snake was beaten

Why did you prince cheat us?

Why, after polls dump us?

Why, you crown wearer torment us?

## Who Are You?

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We had never heard of you

We had never known you

We heard you're in east

We heard you liked to feast

You brought fear among us

You reduced food among us

We heard none would fight you

We heard none would see you

We were told, you're wingless

That, you can't move alone

We were told, you're limbless

That, you need us to locomote.

Then, the sad news reached us

That, you'd pitched tent among us

Our economy, you destroyed

Our education, you disrupted

Every island was closed down

Every boundary was closed down

To prevent you, to reach us

To prevent you, from poisoning us.

You're kept us away from worshipping

You're kept us away from shopping

Forced indoors to make you harmless

Forced sanitization to make you powerless

Our strong solders, can't squeeze you

Our silver treasure, can't sedate you



Our scalpel handlers, our foot soldiers  
Our special habits, our will to surrender

Black skin owners, doesn't scare you  
White skin owners, doesn't seduce you  
Yellow stone owners, you let fall  
Current crown owners, you soar fear.

With more time, we'll defeat you  
With our commitment, we'll destroy you  
Washing our hands, using detergent regularly  
With high hygiene, you'll die eventually.

## The Young Tree

Among the tall ones, it sleep innocently  
Among the short ones, it stands calmly  
It's leaves were jovial, rustling steadily  
It's roots were just, untouched by anyone.

Some close to it, had suffocated  
Some close to it, had suffered  
Some close to it, had slept  
Some close to it, had surrendered.

When they saw it, they wanted to touch  
When they saw it, they wanted to turn  
That they needed it much  
That they could not munch.

Their sly tongue, hissed to lick  
Their inner soul, wished only lust  
Only to have, a minute closer  
Only to have, a moment to carry

They offer to have it pampered  
They confess to have it pruned  
As time moves on, they tame  
As time moves on, they take

Only to pull, those immature fruits  
Only to promise its, mannerless favour  
It's flowers were tumbled down  
It's buds were quickly destroyed

Another saw carrier, gives a heavy bribe  
That they go away, from being broken  
After sucking, the fresh juicy sap

It's whistling is made quiet, forever quenched.

They swagger away, for another to devour

They camouflage, into another destroyer

Who will save it, from their demonic lust?

Who will suffer, for it to get justice?

## The Ship Owners

None can tell, what they think of  
None can guess, what they really offer  
In different shades, they approach you  
In diverse sizes, they appreciate you

They proudly confess, to fly you far  
They pamper you, to fall for them  
They splash you, with their fat purse  
They spend flashily, to tame you plainly.

Those with suits, after your soup  
Those with ships, after your soul  
Their weird thirst, don't ever surrender  
Their weighty wick, don't ever serve.

To calm you, so to pull your coat  
To caress you, softly to prick your candy  
They distance themselves, to pick other trees  
They dance away, to destroy other twigs.

## The Fire Within

When I saw you, my eyes blinked  
When I saluted you, my heart bounced  
A look in your eyes, triggered my mind  
A touch of your skin, tingled my nerves

Your smell wafted, into my nose  
Your sweet voice, turned me mute  
The curls of your hair, tempted my desire  
The calm walk of yours, turned me deep

Only your company, makes me safe  
Only your contacts, let me save  
To always calm you, when you're lonely  
To always carry you, when you're low

Let me kiss, your sensual lips  
Let me caress, your smooth lashes  
This fire within, don't deny it  
This frenzy within, don't destroy it.