

## **Poems: “She is mine!” and “Blame”**

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### **1. She is mine**

Mad? Me?  
Crazy? Me?

Not possible.

Why can't I turn her blue, black and red way men do with her?  
Why shouldn't I beat my wife when it's a God-given right to men?  
Why can't I pulp her when that's what our fathers did for ages?

Women are subjects of men -  
My religious books say so  
Some religions give no presence powers to women: to be seen not heard  
Some religions have women condemned from creation: they misled men and God  
Some religions see women as just incubators: only useful as bed tools

Mad? Me?  
Crazy? Me?

She is mine!  
She belongs to me!  
I own her!  
Her life is mine!  
She is my paid-for property!

My madness is not mine: societal  
My craziness is not mine: religious  
My madness is not mine: patriarchal  
My craziness is not mine: generational

Bail me out!  
Bail us out!

Re-orientation  
Re-education  
Re-religion  
Re-societal

Personal!

## **2. Blame**

I AM NOT MAD

Though they say I am mad

Because my 6 is not their 9

Does not make me mad.

Because I do not see their L as my 7

Does not make me mad.

Because I am a Muslim and they are Christians

Does not make me mad.

Because I see the sky and they see the ground

Does not make me mad.

Because I am a female and they are males

Does not make me mad.

Because I drink alcohol and they drink soft

Does not make me mad.

Because I am gay and they are straight

Does not make me mad.

Because I want to marry the other sex and they want to marry own sex

Does not make me mad.

Because I am a Nigerian and they are British

Does not make me mad.

Because I am chocolate and they are pink

Does not make me mad.

I see in you a different aspect of God

A different manifestation of a part of the Creator

Was GOD uncreative  
to have created us differently, madly?

Blame Him  
Blame Her  
Blame Us  
Blame Them

Not Me  
Not God