

Poems

1. *I woke up this morning*

2. *the talking rouges*

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1. *I woke up this morning*

I woke up this morning
and stared through my window

My beautiful country
turned dangerous
by ugly men
by fat women

Ugly men who visit beautiful countries
see developmental things
go on holidays
interact with forward-looking leaders

Fat women who visit well-trimmed countries
see developed and well-maintained infrastructures
go on spars
interact with concerned futuristic leaders

My beautiful country
turned dangerous
by ugly men
by fat women

When will well-intentioned men take over?

How will well-trimmed women lead us?

I grieve
as my spirit groans
fifty-eight years
maiming, killing, reversed movements

ugly men
fat women
at the helms of affairs

rudderless leadership
heartless men
emotionless women
focus-less people

I mourn
When I retrospectively see
lives wasted
dreams aborted
youths sacrificed
nation atrophied

all for personal leadership gains

When will well-intentioned men take over?
How will well-trimmed women lead us?

Leadership that is leadership!

2. *the talking rogues*

the light was shone
 in our eyes
to see

we closed our eyes

and the talking rogues
got in

into our debating houses
making no decisions
on our behalf

stranded , blinded , frustrated
our Nigerian lives

all was for none
but for the fewest

and the people
lost in democracy