

WE ARE THE WORLD: COLLECTION OF POEMS

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ABSTRACT

This collection of poems is inspired by the song by legend and King of Pop Michael Jackson. Listening to this song two years ago reminded me that there are wounds in this country that are not just ours, but the world's. Some of those wounds are killers, such as Racism, Colorism, Social Inequality, Domestic Violence, and Depression. These killers are the same predator in every country although they wear different faces. "We Are The World" is a creative work that profiles these killers in conversations with their counterparts, who are Respect, Unity, Self-Worth, Love, and Hope. This is the beginning of a relationship where morals will be questioned; it is complex and full of patience. This creative piece is an educational tool to alter the ignorant perceptions of who these killers are and what they are capable of. Joseph Conrad once noted that "The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary. Men alone are quite capable of every wickedness."

Domestic Violence (GERMAN)
Love (FRENCH)
Racism (KOREAN)
Respect (ITALIAN)
Social Inequalities (SERBIAN)
Self-Worth (SPANISH)
Colorism (SUNDANESE)
Unity (PORTUGUESE)
Depression (NEPALIAN)
Hope (HAITIAN CREOLE)

Häusliche Gewalt -L'amour

Häusliche Gewalt

Why am I here?
Why am I talking to you?

This is never going to work

L'amour

Is that what you think?

It is time for a change
Let us work this out together
Why do you “**hate**” me so much?
Do you even know me?

Häusliche Gewalt

Of course
Well
First off, you are
Never mind

L'amour

Wait
I am what?

Häusliche Gewalt

Dependent
You depend on someone or something else
I do not
I am good on my own

L'amour

Really
That is interesting
Please, tell me more

Häusliche Gewalt

I will
I am the teacher
You are the student

L'amour

If this is how you want to do it
I am listening

Häusliche Gewalt

I **feed** off others
No one **touches** me
I get stronger others get **weaker**
It's the way of life

It is survival

L'amour

What happens when there is **nothing** left?

What will you **feed** on then?

There is no substance in **emptiness**

Häusliche Gewalt

Who said, I was **empty**

I am always **full**

If not

I will get it by any means necessary

L'amour

Just because you think you are **full**

Does not mean that you are

Häusliche Gewalt

Stop talking

Did I say you can speak?

I am the teacher

You are the student

Understood

L'amour

Understood

Häusliche Gewalt

Do you think you are **better** than me?

I am **everything** and **everyone**

I am chosen by **god**

Teacher?

Which one?

The one upstairs or down

Häusliche Gewalt

You son of bitch

L'amour

Calm down

It was a **joke**

Laughter is a good thing

Häusliche Gewalt

It is only **good** if I cause it

I will not be made a **fool** of

L'amour

No one is doing that

I am hearing you out

Häusliche Gewalt

Are you?
Am I making you **uncomfortable**?
Am I making you **angry**?

L'amour

No

No, you are not

Häusliche Gewalt

We will **see**
I **control** this not you

L'amour

Maybe

I can still **live** without you

Häusliche Gewalt

Oh?
Really?
Is that so?

L'amour

We can **work** this out
But to be clear I do not **need** you
I am **strong** enough on my own

Häusliche Gewalt

Your **delusions** amaze me
I said, you are **dependent**
There is so much for you to **learn**

L'amour

Ok

Educate me
About me

I am a **foreign** language to you

Häusliche Gewalt

No
I understand you perfectly

L'amour

I am listening

Häusliche Gewalt

This is how you should **hunt**
What you are looking for is a **woman, child, or man**
Some are easier than others

I like to **play** with my food

You need **Aggression**
Restriction
Control
Freedom, is how you will be devoured by the world?

L'amour

Why not give them **nutrients**?
Instead of **depleting** someone's essence
This is not **completeness**

Häusliche Gewalt
This is fulfillment
This is my **creation**

L'amour

You did not **create** them
You **destroy** them

Häusliche Gewalt
No
That is **harsh**
I have **patience**
I **break** them...slowly

L'amour

You cannot break what is already **broken**
That is a **cheat play**
You **hunt** them, because they are easy
So, they do not **stray**
A **challenge** is so much more rejuvenating

Häusliche Gewalt
It takes work to enjoy a **masterpiece**
Perfection is key
Nothing better

L'amour

Imperfection is a beautiful thing

Häusliche Gewalt
Imperfection means nothing
All that is needed is **structure** and **stability**
It is annoying, the "**apologies**"
Such **pathetic** things
Just do what I say
You will come out **pristine**

L'amour

Do you like a **challenge**?
Or
Are you just that **lazy**?
Or
Maybe you are just **mean**

Häusliche Gewalt

How **dare** you?
Do you know who I am?
What I have done?
Do not make me have to **teach** you a lesson

L'amour
I thought you were
Let us keep going

Häusliche Gewalt

There is no **us** or **we**
Only **I**
I matter

L'amour
That is so **lonely**
There is no **I** in me

Häusliche Gewalt
It is...
My **creation** they are
I **know** everything
I **see** everything
I **sense** everything
I **hear** everything
I am their everything
There is **no one** else
Without me **nothing**

L'amour
Are you sure about that?
Everyone has their own **roots**
Some are more loosely **grounded** than others
But still outweigh the few that are still **growing**

Häusliche Gewalt
There is **no few**
Everyone is **planted** in me
My **vines** connect them all through thoughts and dreams
Imagination can be a **prickly** thing
Something I do not **want** there to be
Ideas are the **enemy**

L'amour

But **pride** does not have a team

What happened to being a **family**?

Torturing their thoughts and **stopping** the streams

It is important to **drink**

Häusliche Gewalt

Someone must always lead

That is, I

Dominance is what my appetite needs

L'amour

They also need to be free

Live **spiritually**

Enjoy the **pleasantries**

Have substance to one's **identity**

Häusliche Gewalt

Spirit does not exist

I **eat** that for breakfast

My way of life is pretty much **legal** all over the world

I am not a **misfit**

I **fit** right in

Thank you, **human nature**

L'amour

Why can you not do your **own** dishes?

Why is it always **one-sided**?

Compromise is not ridiculous

Are you **picky** with your participants?

Häusliche Gewalt

I do not **discriminate**

All ages and genders are such easy bait

I have an **endless** supply

There are so many ways to **divide**

To be fair the **system** makes it easy for me anywhere

Societal ways are allowing me to cruise through the waves

L'amour

Times have changed

It is more fair

The world does care

Häusliche Gewalt

After how **many** years

Exactly

I will **always** be back

I **ease** my way somehow somewhere

All I do is **adapt** to different terrains
Once I have you
I will **never** go away

L'amour
Yes
You will
With **time** and **space**

Häusliche Gewalt
I feed different ways
Forced Prostitution is one of my favorites
I am getting **stronger** everyday

L'amour
Strength does not come from **stealing**
It comes from **withstanding** and **healing**

Do you **believe** me?

Häusliche Gewalt
Your **optimism** is fighting against something that **progresses** through time
I am an **undefeatable patron** in my prime
Since when have I ever **truly** been considered a **crime**
A **joke** in police officers' eyes

L'amour
That is interesting since you have no **control**
It is only you **alone**
How **depressing** that must feel
Always **lost**, but finds imperfect no's
A purpose is **hard** to unfold
Can you **forgive** and let it go
Only you know

Häusliche Gewalt
I am power
When I am **disobeyed**
I enjoy the **darkest** pleasures
Including **carving** my name in big letters on a smooth body
Fear is my bread and butter
Who are you?
My new freshly painted feathers

Do you want to know what I had for dinner?

L'amour
Let me guess
Isolation
Which you use as tactic when it is all about you
Submission

Dogs can be cute
Obedience
Darn, I have to keep listening to you
Socially and Legally
Unfortunately, you are there in some ways too
Successful
You always have help there too

Do you see it?
Are we making progress?

Häusliche Gewalt
Society gave me this power
They know I do not matter
I have created **disasters**
Still remember the title **master**
Honor Killings are my laughter
This happens when the students forget who the teacher is

L'amour
Now you are a **discipliner**
Hmm
I wonder
What happens, when you are the one that plunders
Wait, I know you just blame the others
How "honorable"

Häusliche Gewalt
Aggression is the fun part
Seals the deal
It is the subtle things that **kills** the meal
Makes it easy to steal
It is **mutual** relationship
A consenting thrill

L'amour
It is a **parasitic** relationship
Someone always has the raw end of the deal
What is the matter?
You cannot handle what is real

Häusliche Gewalt
I am going to
Slap
Shove
Punch
Kick
Burn
Break
Rape
Mutilate

Those who think they exist in the same realm as me

L'amour
I will **fight**
I will never **die** for you
I will keep going until everyone understands the **truth**
There is always a way to **win** against someone like you
Be there for the many not just the global few

Häusliche Gewalt

Win?
“People play games as a substitute for real **intimacy**, and every game, however **unpleasant**, has a particular payoff for one or both players”

The **disrespect**
I am ahead of this too
Once I launch
You will be forgotten
And askew
It is how I flourish and bloom

L'amour
Let us think about that for a minute
You cannot ruin something **pure**
It is naturally an open door that never closes
You are **obscure**
A **desperate** organism always in search of closure
Moreover
All you have to eat are artificial clovers
Nothing real to chew over

L'amour
What is wrong?
You cannot face the truth
I am only trying to **educate** you

Häusliche Gewalt

You are trying to get in my head
Confusing me with my methods
I am still one of the **deadliest**
I could care less

L'amour
I was right
You do not know me
I can be your **friend** or worst **enemy**
Your choice

Häusliche Gewalt
Did you just threaten me

L'amour
No
I corrected you

Häusliche Gewalt

Despicable

I know, you are a follower
 You are a loser
 You are worthless
 You are infectious
 You are impatient
 You are irresponsible
 You are alone

L'amour

Wow

I am not alone, I am with you
I am not worthless; I **believe** in myself too
I am not an infection, but one of the **cures**
I am not impatient; I have patiently been **listening** to you
I am not irresponsible, though it is hard to be **accountable**
I am not a follower; I hope to be a **leader** for you
 We can **respect** each other too
 Work with me here it's up to you

Häusliche Gewalt

There can only be one at the top
I have **infected** all corners of the world

 India
 Israel
 Australia
 The Américas
 China
 Mongolia
 Russia
 Etcetera
 Etcetera

L'amour

You **underestimate** me
Are you **tired** of being lonely?
The **façade** you have is heartbreaking
 Being human is **serenity**
 Not **agony**

Häusliche Gewalt

No one ever listens to me
Hearing me, but not listening
 Stupid
It is so **agitating**

Yet, wonder why I am always **abusing**

L'amour
Ok
Fair
Different method
Tug a war
Let us see who **understands** the other better
No take backs
Leave it all here
You listen
I listen
The final words

Häusliche Gewalt
Since I want to
Why not?

L'amour
Ok
You first

Häusliche Gewalt
Your job is **perfection**

L'amour
Imperfection is what keeps things interesting

Häusliche Gewalt
Possibilities are **endless**

L'amour
Impossibilities are **tradition**

Häusliche Gewalt
What I am asking for is **order?**

L'amour
All you are missing out on is the **chaos**

Häusliche Gewalt
You need me to **hurt** you
It's okay I need to **hurt** you

L'amour
You can try
Denying my existence makes me **strong**
Can't hurt something that is **pure**

Häusliche Gewalt

I am right, never wrong

L'amour

You are **right**, only to yourself

Häusliche Gewalt

What is mine, is **mine**

L'amour

I am **mine** too, just not only for you

Häusliche Gewalt

You just want me to be **jealous**

L'amour

I want you to **appreciate**

Häusliche Gewalt

I am **protecting** what is mine

L'amour

You are **destroying** what is yours

Häusliche Gewalt

You are **weakness**

L'amour

The opposite, **love**

I am **strength**

Häusliche Gewalt

Why don't you admit the **truth?**

L'amour

I am the **truth**

Have you not noticed the ease I have with all your **insults?**

I am **listening**

I am **hearing**

I am **understanding**

Häusliche Gewalt

No, you are **disrespecting** me

Everyone **disrespects** me

I need **respect**

I deserve **respect**

How I solve that is **power**

L'amour

Oh, honey

Power is just a **branch**

Not the whole **tree**

You are a rose that grew out of **concrete**
There is still **time** to see

Häusliche Gewalt
I don't understand
I can't feel good

Are you even listening to me?

L'amour
I am
Trust me

Häusliche Gewalt
Trust
Trust
Trust is **brokenness**
Trust is **weakness**
Trust is **stupidity**
I trust in **conformity**

L'amour
Not at all
Trust is **beauty**
You just have to **believe** it
You will **feel** great if you let it in

Häusliche Gewalt
What in?

L'amour
The thing you have been trying to defeat
Me
I am **patient**
I am **kind**
I am never **jealous**
I am **divine**
I have always been there the whole **time**
I am **not** fear
I am **risk**
The risk of a **meaningful** life
It does not hurt to **try**
Ignore your **mind's** lies
You are in the **wrong**
But you will **transform** to something new with time
I am here at the **finish** line
All you have to do is **walk** across

Häusliche Gewalt
Do you seriously think someone like me can **change**?
With a **god-complex** society blames
I am not just in the **homes, streets, schools**

I am in the **system** as we speak
I **feed**
Just as they **feed**
Me and the world are a working **team**

L'amour
Maybe
You forget I exist in the **simplest** things and the complex
We will figure this out one day
Today, we came to **middle** ground
I understand you
You unwillingly are starting to get me
I am **passionate**
I do not give up easily

Minjogjeog Uwolgam - Rispetto

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Welcome

Welcome

I am the world

Don't touch

Rispetto

What

You can't take a handshake

I washed my hands

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Obviously, you didn't do a good job with your skin

I would help with that but

Times have changed

It will be only a matter of time before you do it to yourself

Rispetto

Oh, wow

I did not realize

I needed help

Except you need it more than I do

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Put yourself at my level

Rispetto

Level

Ha

I am everyone's level if they allow it
I am just not yours'

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Allow
You are nothing
It's not how the world works
It works my way
It's the order that is important

Rispetto

The world is broken
Its barely working
It's more of an order of separation
No connection
That's not how it should be
Something must connect the dots so the world can breathe

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Connection is weakness
Knowledge to ignorance
I spread knowledge

Rispetto

Um
You might want to flip that

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Do not mock me

Rispetto

Not mocking, clarifying

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

This world would be nothing without me

Empowerment for unity

Rispetto

I think the world would be happier without you

Destroying people's light for your selfish intentions belittling not empowering

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

And what do you do for the world

Rispetto

Spread beauty, honor, and appreciation

Its acceptance

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

What's honorable about respect?

What a joke

Are you serious?

My system is acceptance

Below me

Rispetto

Your system is dehumanizing

It's a desperate and cheap power move in this day and age

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

It's what built this country's power

I am the foundation

I am written in the times from the beginning

Rispetto

The beginning is not the end

It's a footnote by the time it gets to the end

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

How can you change a system

Rispetto

It's not the system

It's the mentality

One mind at a time

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

This will do more harm than good

Time

There is not enough

Rispetto

There is, if you know how to use it

Times are changing

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Times are changing

For my way

Rispetto

I love it

I hope for a happy tomorrow

Because one day you won't exist

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Excuse me

Who hell do you think you are

Rispetto

I am your better half

We will get to that to later

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

You, measly little roach

Tell

Me

Now

Rispetto

Um

Excuse me

That is not how you ask, sir

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

You are right, I am a sir

Therefore, asking is not in my vocabulary

Expectation is

Rispetto

Mam

You want an answer

You ask

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

I am a mam
I am a sir
I am the system
I am fear
I am ignorance at its best
I am the World
You are

Rispetto

Actually

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Pathetic

Rispetto

If you would have let me finish

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Exactly

Would

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

And I would not

I control this not you

Be sure to always remember that

Rispetto

Remember what

That you are rude

I did nothing to deserve this attitude

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

By existing you did

You people annoy me

Never want to conform

Never look the same

Never behave the same

Therefore, you dwindle more and more

I have to say it is a work of art

Rispetto

How so?

Art is subjective

How it looks, speaks, moves you

It can be different for someone else

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

No

One

Else

Do

Not

Patronize

Me

Rispetto

I am not

I am trying to get you to think

You contradicted yourself

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

You are an imbecilic animal

You can not tell me what I already know
I am here
And
You
Are
There

Rispetto

Why is it so hard for you to talk to me as a fellow human

Minjogjeog Uwolgam
History says you are not
I am the world scholar
Because history repeats itself

Rispetto

How can history repeat when nothing changed in the first place?

It was only disguised
Put peroxide on a wound that needs intense strategic surgery

Minjogjeog Uwolgam
I am the world
The world thinks it does
Particularly my favorite part of my world is the
United States of America

Rispetto

Seriously, your favorite part
Why?

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Now look who is asking questions
A stupid one at that
But I will indulge
Out of everyone else they make affairs more difficult than they need to
The United States of America
They acknowledge the purpose and importance of surgery
No one is willing to pay for it
No one wants to take the time to do the procedure

Rispetto

Why?

You all know all power trips do end
The high is only the fantasy of reality
Reality is no one truly has any power

Too prideful to accept the reality

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

It can be a career killer
Why blow up the country when other countries notice the wound has worsened?
It is only a matter of time until it completely malfunctions
Destroying the body leaving pain, fear, inferiority, and glorious opportunity to renew
Is it not beautiful?

Rispetto

It is amazing to me,

How you do not see the inhumanity of this?

You are completely enjoying yourself

People are suffering from this still today in this country and world
How does this superiority prove anything?

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

It proves everything
It proves I am everywhere
It proves I am everything
I am the mind
It proves I have power over everyone's minds

Rispetto

Not mine
You never will
Being in the same space helped me realize something about you
You are not real
You are not honest
You take what is not yours
You take spirits
You prey on what you can't have
You prey on what you can't control
You fight what is different
You fight the truth
You and I
We see each other now

Minjogieog Uwolgam

I have control over you
I will have control over you
You are unholy
You are a disgrace to this world
You are a hypocrite

Rispetto

You know this whole conversation
All you do is insult me with ignorance

I guess
I insult you but with integrity

What do you have?

Do you have any?

Silence

I figured so

Minjogieog Uwolgam

Integrity

You have been lying this whole time to me and to yourself

Who are you?

Rispetto

The fact you haven't figured it out lets me know you have not been paying attention

I see you

Why can't you see me?

Minjogieog Uwolgam

People like you are blind to the reality of things

There is order

There is conformity

There is superiority

All for balance

If you people stop fighting it

You will have peace of minds

Life would be so much easier

Know your place

Stay the hell in it

Rispetto

Breaking bones is happiness

Draining spirits are encouraging
Drowning voices to speak
Poisoning bodies to think
Burning faith to believe

Sounds like the assimilation you wish for

What kind of a life would that be?

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

It is one
You are still breathing
You are still moving around
It is not oppression
It is completion
It is not exploitation
It is revelation
There is no need to win
I have been winning for years

Rispetto

So, have I
Being a lion does not always mean you are dangerous
It means you are loud
There is no substance only artificial intelligence
Relevant points are being made here
The execution is the wrong way

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

You people are a waste of time
Why do I even try?

No matter what
Too stupid to understand the real world
To understand humanity

Rispetto
Quite the contrary
Am I in every human?
To understand someone like you is to not get on their level
But respect theirs
Starts internal one by one
External is when the change begins

Minjogjeog Uwolgam
I have the internal
It is sociology at its best (KU Klux Klan) ...we still around
It is the history books I write that is everywhere(mind)
It is the anger of the past
It is the shame of the past
It is the pain of the past
It is annoyance of the past
It is social hierarchy of past, present, and future
I have external
The “durable inequalities”
The Institutions such as incarceration, health care, mental care, politics, jobs, schools,
neighborhoods, cities, states, government and the best for last
The country
These are my weapons that get reloaded and charged every second, minute, hour, day,
week, month, and year
Thank you, Instagram, Twitter, CNN, FOX NEWS, etc.
Makes it even easier for me

Rispetto

Weapons can be destroyed

By acknowledging the truth

Already weakening its power

Then eventually the power will dissipate

And what is in your place the one thing you cannot handle

Acceptance

You are incapable of doing so

That is alright

Us people will do it for you

Društvena Nejednakost- Dignidad

Društvena Nejednakost

You belong in a house

Dignidad

I want to get a degree not a spouse

Društvena Nejednakost

You belong in the basement level

Dignidad

I am the CEO of the company without a shovel

Društvena Nejednakost

You belong cleaning the house

Dignidad

I own a house

Društvena Nejednakost

You belong in the fields

Dignidad

I can pay my own bills

Društvena Nejednakost

You belong at a desk

Dignidad

I get paid to rest

Društvena Nejednakost

You belong on the football team

Dignidad

I am living the drag queen dream

Društvena Nejednakost

You belong in a nail salon

Dignidad

I am a NY cop that is my job

Društvena Nejednakost

You belong to the streets

Dignidad

I am the greatest artist living

Društvena Nejednakost

You belong at the bottom

Dignidad

I made my own album

Društvena Nejednakost

You belong to me

Dignidad

I am wild and free

Društvena Nejednakost

You belong to motherhood

Dignidad

I am misunderstood because I am still good

Društvena Nejednakost
You belong in prison
Dignidad
I am running my own mission

Društvena Nejednakost
You belong in the grave
Dignidad
I am at war overseas being brave
Društvena Nejednakost
You belong to the state
Dignidad
I am not a mistake
Društvena Nejednakost
You belong to society
Dignidad
I belong to me

"Self-esteem occurs naturally when we choose to live according to reason and our own principles"

Društvena Nejednakost

Everyone wants to be on top

I am on top always
I will never be at the bottom
It is too easy

Dignidad
If that is your story
Everyone wants to be on their own top
Not the top necessarily

Društvena Nejednakost
What are you talking about
I worked hard to stay here

Dignidad
That is my point
Stay
That means you already had the privilege of getting to the top

Društvena Nejednakost
What privilege, I had to earn the respect I have today
I bled for my spot up here

Dignidad

How much of that blood is yours?
Who did you kill to get there?

Društvena Nejednakost

It is survival of the fittest

Social Darwinism

If you want it bad enough you will do anything possible
Especially if the system itself works in your favor

Dignidad

Let me get this straight

You believe that wealth, power, and status is more important than your character

Društvena Nejednakost

What character?

That is some weak shit

It is all about making connections

You use them

They use you

It is that simple

Dignidad

Are you enjoying yourself up there?

How many drinks have you had today?

How many pills was it, again?

How is your nose? I heard the last one was not 100% pure

How did the DUI happen?

How are your restless nights?

What was his name again?

What was her name again?

It is simple

But was it worth it?

Društvena Nejednakost

You are an asshole killing my buzz

You are just jealous of for what I have

I am complete

I am the best in society

You can be too, with a price

Dignidad

Do not start with me, I am not the one

You will lose

I am an independent fighter

I have a feeling you are a dependent one

Who uses a corrupt system as a crutch to feel worthy?

Društvena Nejednakost

Someone who is smart

It is not my fault women are such a burden

It is not my fault a blind person cannot be a manager

It is not my fault people on the bottom can barely reach me

It is what is

Why should I change?

I come from you

Dignidad

No, sweetheart

You do not come from me

You are a manifestation of the flaws of human nature

I come from love

You come from the 7 deadly sins

Anyone who thrives through you are the quickest and easiest to fall

At some point you will too

I will happily be at the bottom eating popcorn

It will be quite a show

Društvena Nejednakost

I am impressively oppressive

I do not get shit for it

What does that tell you?

It tells you to let this go

You are on the losing team

Accepting the loss, it would make life smoother

Dignidad

Smoother

Sometimes it is better to get rough

People are losing their minds

Children are taking their own lives

Do you even care?

Društvena Nejednakost

Are they my kids

No

When my kids are in this equation then we come up with a solution

Dignidad

Why are you so afraid of change?

The mind says it is about time
Oh, the heart says something different

Are you insecure
Are you selfish
Are you not worth it
Are you powerful
Are you strong
Are you a man
Are you a “wife”
Are you educated enough

It seems to me the top is full of holes to fall through

Društvena Nejednakost

You are the one poking the holes
I have a foundation to stand on

Dignidad

On what status, reputation, wealth, power
Neither of those count
What do you have left?

Društvena Nejednakost

I have trillions that is all the support I need
I have the latest model of the fastest car in the world
I have travel miles like no other
I have luxury wherever I go
I give to the homeless
You
Threaten my hard work

Dignidad

I thought there was no work
Just connections
What did I hit a nerve?
You do not phase me
I am what is needed to withstand your adversity

Društvena Nejednakost

I am everywhere translated in many languages around the world like Romanian

You cannot destroy me
I am the wants and desires

Dignidad

You are a dream that became an addictive nightmare

I am the remedy

Once a person finds the grounded purpose for moving up the ranks

They will surpass someone like you

They will be the transformation the world needs

Društvena Nejednakost

No one will believe this
You are not understanding how this works
We will burn you to the ashes
The lowest level of all

Dignidad

You are forgetting we are the masses
Once everyone believes in me
We will not burn you down
We will be standing along side
There is room at the top for everyone

Warnaan - Unidade

Unidade

We are in a bed of flowers
With colors that stretch to the skies
I do not see one color for a rose
I see pink, red, yellow

I also see an intertwined flower of rose and lilies

How beautiful it looks
How soft it feels
This is a new generation of possibilities

The generation of unity

I am not in this flower bed alone
There is a shadow blocking the light to some of the flowers

Not only that
What is it doing?

Warnaan

It loves me
It loves me not
It loves only its backside
It loves me not
Giving birth to future

What a corrupt thought

What a disgusting world we live in

These flowers should never be together
Specially to pollinate more
There is only a 50% chance it will be acceptable
The other 50% will beg for the gallows
Who would want that for their children?
Such selfish things adults do without consideration
“One drop rule” may be the only salvation
It breaks my heart

Unidade

Does it break your heart?

You are picking off the petals of your loved ones

Your friends
Yourself
There is a reason for units and teams

There is strength in numbers
Always better than alone

Warnaan

See alone is where I want you
I love it when you are alone

Isolation is the best opening to one's mind

I learned it from my father
You know him
He helped create slavery
He was a part of everything
I really look up to him
He has yet to retire

Unidade

Just because his father has not retired
Does not mean he is not getting old

Eventually he will run out of new ways to separate us

We should not wait on that
I am what pulls us together
His son has no imagination
He only gets his power from division
Every time I flourish, he becomes weak

No one enjoys being weak

Warnaan

One thing my enemy over there has right

I am a shadow

Last time I checked a person cannot destroy their shadow

I am always there

Because I am there
I have power
Shadows are subtle and so am I

Unidade

He is correct

Also, shadows cannot handle the light

I shine bright
See I make him uncomfortable

Shadows are only as big as you make them

Remember that
It all starts here (mind)
Only you can use me

I am always here for you

Warnaan

I hate celebrations like

The Essence Festival
The NAACP Awards
Black History Month
My personal favorite Black Girls Rock
This gives encouragement
This gives status
This gives acceptance
This gives acknowledgement of beauty

The concepts I despise

It is fine
Means nothing
I am a global phenomenon
The one I detest the most is a black history month

Don't hate the player
Hate the foundation
My foundation has rarely been shaken
I have lost some battles

I am still winning the war

Unidade

Why poison what is already sick
Are you that desperate?
You can't wait for the strength to build
Is it not more fun to tear down a strong tree than an old worthless one?

Warnaan

Of course
All of it, is beautiful to experience

White trees are better

Can handle anything

No one wants to be darker
It is curiosity at its best
Because "bronze", "tanning", "summer glow"

Are the "acceptable" shades

Even a tree bends to what supports it

You can't argue with nature

Unidade

You do realize that when one is torn down another will take its place

Warnaan

Place

It does not have a place to begin with

Especially you

You do, feel, think how I see fit

**Because in this country you're a color but globally at least your mixed with something
of value**

Unidade

Value

What is value

How much am I worth?

What is market value?

Warnaan

Since you asked

Mirror Mirror in their eyes

Who is fairest for the skies?

Last time I checked clouds are white

Unidade

It was rhetorical

I already know

Warnaan

Marvelous

Now let me educate the masses

Unidade

You educate

Ok, but remember not to discriminate

Wait, hold on

That is who you are

**So, please educate on the deception that
creates you**

Warnaan

Don't mind if I do

You have to understand it is not my fault

I was born into this

It is my purpose

Unidade

Do you not get tired of tearing people apart?
Especially when all they want to do is connect

We are built to connect

To sever that ability is detrimental

Warnaan

Yes

Exactly

It is the greatest gift I offer
I don't have to kill

They do it to themselves

See places like India
Specifically, Indian Diaspora are the largest market for skin-lighteners
A poisoning success story that keeps on thriving
Destroying the little "beauty" they had left

Unidade

Unfortunately, that is true
You know what else is the truth

**What is used to separate can be used to bring
together**

Pain is growth not the end

Warnaan

**Pain is all I know
Pain is who I am**

I burn the skin
I cut the skin
I scratch the skin
I pierce the skin
I beat the skin
I break the skin

I can never change the skin
I sure can make it undesirable
In employment, social relationships, education, courts of law, voting preferences
Shall I go on

**Since humans agree
It already is undesirable**

Unidade

The skin shows us we are human
We are cut from the same cloth

The skin is our protection
We find comfort in one another

The skin is a part of the mosaic
We are the masterpiece

You see

**You can't break what is elastic
It will always come back together**

Warnaan

You bastard
You have no name
You have no home
You have no land
You have no identity

Remember the “Paper Bag Rule”

Unidade

I have all those pieces to my puzzle
This is not about me
This about you

You know my name

I am your enemy
But who I am

Is your friend

Warnaan

I don't have any friends
I have colleagues
We work for the same thing
To devour humanity from within
If you haven't noticed
We are doing one hell of job

**If you think marrying is an answer
Remember only one of you is improving the other**

Unidade

Not anymore

Part of your charm is no one believed you existed

Now they do

They have a front row seat

Being aware of you

Already weakens you

But together we can dissolve you

**What do you think?
Same time tomorrow**

DIPRĒSANA - ESPWA

Diprēsana

Hello

Can you see me
Of course, you can't
Let's start with a riddle shall we

Espwa

That's one way to start a conversation

Hi
Oh, I can see you
Clear as the blue sky
They can't

Diprēsana

They will

Alright
"Everyone has it, but no one can lose it
What is it?"

Espwa

I'm guessing here
Is it a hole
Is it a box
Is it a rope
Is it a mirror
Is it eyes
Is it mouth
Is it ears
Is it nose
Is it **ME**

Diprēsana

Hmm
Not bad
Of course, it is not you
Nice try

Espwa

Are you sure about that
"Everyone has it, but no one can lose it
What is it?"

If it is not me
Then it is **YOU**
A SHADOW

Diprēsana

You are correct
Don't look so surprised
It will always be me

Espwa

I am not surprised
I wouldn't expect anything less from you
If anything, you are predictable
You distort what is in plain sight

Diprēsana

Well
Of course
Who wants to be plain
There is no fun in that
It is a boring, mundane game to play
Deception is so much more insatiable

Espwa

Don't you get tired of playing the same game with the same players
Every move is the same

Diprēsana

That is where you are wrong
The game is being the same
When you predict the game
The protection is weakened
Then the fun begins
“People play games as a substitute for real intimacy, and every game, however unpleasant, has a particular payoff for one or both players”
Sound familiar

Espwa

So, that is how you do it
This is how you kill hundreds, thousands, millions of people everywhere

Diprēsana

Hey, hey, hey
Don't blame me for the flaws of humanity
Did I put the

Gun
Knife

Rope
Wires
Scarf
Shirt
Poison
Food
Drugs
Alcohol
Window
Bridge
Roof

In their hands, mouths, arm, under their feet

No

I should be dropped of all charges

You have nothing on me

Espwa

This is not an interrogation

This a conversation

This is communication

This is the beginning

Diprēsana

The beginning of what

A relationship
A friendship
A companionship

No thanks

I'm good on my own

Espwa

I am resilient

I am relentless

I am patient

I never give up

Let's start again

Your name

Diprēsana

Were you not listening

I already told you

Shadow

But then again

The people have given me many names

They still don't know what I am

Where I come from

They **THINK** they do

"If they "survive" the storm itself, its fury almost always fades and the disappears.
Mysterious in my coming, mysterious in my going,"

The affliction runs its course, and no one finds peace
I'm good, right

Espwa

That's not your real name

It is your presence
It is how you look

Diprēsana

I LOOK like different things

The mind is the strongest yet weakest part of the body
The mind is my home
It is where I spend all my days
I live in your mind
The abyss everyone is afraid to go

Espwa

Not at all

You would not be able to survive in here
Last time I checked
Shadows hate the light
Can't handle it

Diprēsana

What the hell are you talking

I don't have to touch the light to get what I want
All I have to do is dim the source
That has always been a piece of cake

Espwa

Ok

Great

Touch me
Hug me
Shake my hand
Stand next to me

You can't
Can you?

My presence burns you
It hurts

Diprēsana

I can

I just don't want to
Look around

I am all around you

Espwa

True

But nowhere near me

Diprēsana

You know what is interesting to me

The name I have been given

No one truly believes in

If they did, they wouldn't handle me so lightly

There is power in the tongue

Espwa

I can't argue there

There is power in the **TONGUE**

There is power in the **MIND**

Diprēsana

Not for me

The mind is my playground

Once I have the mind

It won't be long before I leave self-destruction in the wake of my reappearance

Espwa

Reappearance

Are you saying what I think you are saying?

Are you able to be defeated?

Diprēsana

Your funny

Not defeated just waiting on the bench until it is my time again

I am patient too

The beautiful part is

I am everywhere

There is nowhere to hide

Espwa

There is no need to hide

Hiding is where the darkness lies

Facing the truth is where strength thrives

Diprēsana

I prey on the flaws of humanity

They make it so easy for me

It is pathetic

All I have to do is wait for

Family-to die, separate, single-parent, **ABUSE**

Occupation-to be fired, no promotion, can't find a job, **PRESSURE**
School -to lose a game, failing, lose scholarship, suspension, **STRESS**
Social-to lose friends, break up, partying, **LONELY**

Espwa

Just because you are **ALONE** does not mean you are lonely
School is to learn, how will you learn without **EXPERIENCE**
Work is to give you money, but also to find your **PURPOSE**
Families are a **STEPPINGSTONE**, not the destination
Life is meant to be **CHALLENGING**, because that is the thrill of it

Diprēsana

Wow

Claps for you
Way to be optimistic
That is the weakest argument I have ever heard

Espwa

I am making some improvements to your arguments
I am listening to you
I felt it needed some additions

Diprēsana

That right there “**felt**”
Is the illogical default of humans
Logically there should be no such thing
But I have a huge audience to reach
I have to start somewhere

Espwa

Speaking of weak moves
That is one of them
So, if you can't handle the mind you go for the heart
And yet I thought the mind is where you lived
Eviction is a process you know all too well

Diprēsana

That may be true
I get back in every time
I always come back
You can't live without me

Espwa

I disagree
There are plenty who can, will, and do without you

You are **NOT** as important to humanity as you think

You are a **PART** of the ecosystem
You will **NEVER** be the system

Diprēsana

Are you sure?

I have the **DIE-HARD** fans
No matter what they do they can't fight me
I am the gravity for them to breath
I become the "**LIGHT**" source

The quicksand that never ends
The mud that never moves

Espwa

That is an illusion
The reality is always much sweeter

It is ok to sink sometimes
Because when you do you can breathe
It is ok to be stuck sometimes
Because being still provides a bigger picture

Diprēsana

You son of a

Are you mocking me?
Are you trying to contradict me?

Espwa

No
I am just providing a different perspective
I don't see what the big deal is

Diprēsana

Let me explain this

The turnabout is fair play
You can run or you can play but there are always people who will stay
The game is to everyone's dismay
It is not okay, but you might disobey
So, play the game before walking away

To seek the future if you may
Time has something that needs to always pay
It is unsettling with all this glorious pain
To see a better way, it grows to the world's dismay

The truth is never at bay

Lies are bought instead
Sometimes it is better to just go ahead
It is easier to let me in

You understand me now

Espwa

You have no idea
Unfortunately, you will win the game sometimes
Doesn't mean it will be the same every time

Now understand me

The bird with a broken wing
1st time she took a big swing
Then lost everything

The wing is taking forever to heal it seems
She is flying over so many rough streams
At one time her and the wings were a team
Being whole forever, oh please
The wind was eventually going to come back and tease
She wishes she could completely release

She is holding on to something deep
She remembers

It takes time to replenish the trees
It takes time for the bloom of leaves
It takes time for a broken wing

In the meantime, she is not crippled to nothing
She will always have something
And I guarantee it is more lovely
Herself
Hope
Is the healing philosophy

Are you listening

Diprēsana

It is official
You are impossible
I am the dark

No one speaks about
No one listens to it

No one sees it coming

I am passive aggressive
I am proud of it

It is an art to do what I do
My fellow killers and I have been around a long time
I am the oldest
Humans just didn't have a name for me yet
Or shall I say an excuse
But him am I always in the shadows

You must get it
We can never work

Espwa

I am up for a collaboration
It will be a challenging but fulfilling

You are right
You are old
So am I
I am not here to change you
That is too much work
I am here to understand you
That is what was accomplished on this day

We are balanced
It is what the fans truly want and yearn for

So, what do you say
See you next week, **DIPRĒSANA**