

Abandoned & Blinded...two (2) poems

By Melekwe Anthony

WHY I LIKE IT: *Poetry Editor HEZEKIAH writes...Melekwe Anthony is more than a malenky bit choodesny and a freely associating sprit...Nadsat. 'He hails from Lagos, Nigeria and believes in telling people's stories with their own eyes.' Keep your eyeball peeled anyway you can: Google (in the non-pejorative) his govoreets: "Thump! Thump!" "...the darkness that probes me." "...as stables of raindrops run their lanes..." "a man can only hide when there is space." Anthony is an "ever calling friend, if only you kept him longer." It's all too beautiful...*

Abandoned

On that edge. all felt is the noise heard
as stables of raindrops run their lanes
through your roof. a man can only hide when there is space.
you are hiding without one, manhood at question.
the wooden door cricks and ricks of hands
Palms that used them centuries old. but yours is missing.
It gradually fades like the hope in your eyes for company
the empire you were never sharing
no longer exists.
the desert you deserve is now losing sand and the scorching sun
seems lost in this uncertain sky
what space is missing?

Blinded

Thump! Thump!

Thump! Thump! is what I needed to hear.

The rains call me on this plague-less night
of gentle rocking branches and buzzing silence.

The walls feel different... like prickles and wrinkles under these small palms.

The clumsy floors underneath isn't holding upright
folding big toes rigid and unsteady.

Something is off. Smell it. Feel it.

"Father!... Father!" Silence.

Blistered man. Broken man. In the darkness that probes me. I can sense him.
staring through his presumably wrinkled nose at his failed and broken.

"Failed and Broken" He always said. Broken - his name for me.

Thump! Thump!

Thump! Thump!

My ever calling friend, if only you kept him longer.

THE POET SPEAKS: *I have been a consistent writer since 2018. I have authored many published poems including The Gaze, Abandoned, Spaces, Collateral, Blinded, the 2020 Dear Thomas! and many others. I have also authored the novel The Unwanted Guest to be released*

globally this year. Yet! I confess, it is not easy being a writer. In fact, the ability to tell an entire story, to relay a full experience within few lines and from the eyes of the first-person, is what makes writing challenging and intriguing. Edgar Allan Poe 's The Raven , Child by J.P Clark and Paradise Lost by John Milton have been my inspiration for many of my works.

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