

## **This Tomorrow is Here**

~~~*Herbert Izuchukwu Maxwell*

We are the leaders of tomorrow  
that's what we were told,  
and yet the old never wants this tomorrow to unfold.  
They've made life so hard that the future leaders  
have nothing else but to leave  
to a land seen as that of milk and honey

We are the future of our nation  
we are the heralds of our generation  
but the old bald ones have taken those positions as birthright  
those who have refused to die  
killing who ever that dares oppose  
making lives miserable for the future.  
Turning us against one another  
because the guy by my side is shola and I'm *Emeka*  
and HERE is *Musa*  
setting us apart to luxuriate their desires.

Step by step *Musa* moves  
Trampling like the Elephant with his strongest wit  
making his claims to our fortress,  
making the poor miserable,  
milking them in and out—the land, the food, the oil, their souls—  
turning them against one another at gun point.

Rallying us to fight unjustly,  
making us believe a particular ethnicity owns the coast.  
We the youths,  
weapons of a mighty nation;  
now weapons of political rivalry.  
when the other feels powerful,  
we turn his bullet for war,  
used reaped of our intelligence and made to believe we are lesser.

Stop the slumber it's our turn to stick to our claims of taking over what is ours.  
A peaceful and uncompromising nation  
free of anarchy, and corruption  
we young talents can thrive  
and not let to fight each other's war.

We must come together to protect our bleeding nation,  
from the shenanigans of our old destitute leaders.  
Don't buy what they sell us  
For this is that knife that tear us part  
we should fight, revolt against bad governance,  
against terrorism- against apathy,  
against nepotism, Mal practices.

Arise humble and courageous youth  
to the fault of our cunning leaders that have chosen to spoil our names  
at the international market.  
Take up placards and roam the street of the coast to  
our colonizer a message to reply.

We are the leaders of today not of tomorrow  
We must exercise our function now  
our duties to our dearest nation  
to uplift her glory-honour  
for the betterment of generation yet to be born.

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