

Caricature of Colours

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DEDICATION

In memory of Mr. Samuel Olisa Oranyeli and Mrs. Sikirat Aramide Oranyeli.

For the vehicle of my existence into this world and the undying fire and reason I push the limits every day.

Their enduring values have taught me to love and be kind, appreciating the essence of each breath I take. Through God's guidance, and my existence I will continually be a celebration of their souls.

To the souls that couldn't be stolen from our hearts, may we incessantly celebrate life.

COLOUR PALETTE

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To the one with me here, wherever you are, I am honoured that you are reading my words and exist as part of my becoming; as I am a part of yours.

It feels like we are on different ends of a pool with our feet dipped on either sides and I can feel the ripples you create as you feel mine. My poems depict intersections and fusions of colours, words, emotions and the human experiences that are dipped in love, relationships, abstractions, growth and life.

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May God keep blessing us all, amen.

Yellow.

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I am a little yellow bird
perched in my quiet nest
singing love songs aloud
with my windows wide open

You are a little yellow bird
perched in your quiet nest
with ears waiting for love songs
and your windows shut

~ Chance

Father would often say
“beware of those friends
who collect by any means
to meet imaginary needs

they borrow your matches
then some wood you have been saving
and decide to start a fire for winter
in the place you have called home”

~ Food for thought

Mint.

You are my landlady
and I your landlord
in this same old building
sharing the same tenants
leaking taps, broken tiles
and dirty toilet seats
dishonored leases
and unpaid rental fees
fixing, fixing, fixing all the other rooms
except the bed we both slept in

~ Broken

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Pedestals were meant for gods; so dear friend,
never burden another
with your expectations.

~ Ego

Grey.

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After spending time making money
and spending all you can;
dear friend, I hope you have enough life left
to spend the fading time left.

~ Chasing tails

You; inhaling broken hearts and exhaling love;
know that someday, your insides might grow too heavy
for your outsides to bear

~ Heavy lungs

Blue.

In my mind I have chosen you
yet the fear of rejection keeps me tight-lipped
like words left to linger on the tongue;
like quill dipped in ink ready to caress white paper
but left to dry bit by bit
unable to espouse pages of our endless possibilities

~ Dry ink

I am the flypaper plant
and all latch on my glue
Things that fly in the day
and crawl in the night time
They all stick to me
like prey
stuck to a woven spider web
but I soon forget
that glue dries up
and the tensile web breaks too
and there is only so much
my needy heart can bear
in search of what's not out there

~ Fragile

Orange.

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A secret is like a baton
in a very slow relay race
that gets to the next person
in time

~ In time

When drips of joy escape from my eyes
and smiles sneak out of my lips
lingering towards a direction
And when the birds residing in my stomach chirp
rotundly
I know without a doubt
that I miss you

~ Missing you