

Dis Poem  
Mutabaruka

dis poem  
shall speak of the wretched sea  
that washed ships to these shores  
of mothers cryin for their young  
swallowed up by the sea  
dis poem shall say nothin new  
dis poem shall speak of time  
time unlimited time undefined  
dis poem shall call names  
names like lumumba kenyatta nkrumah  
hannibal akenaton malcolm garvey  
haile selassie  
dis poem is vexed about apartheid rascism fascism  
the klu klux klan riots in brixton atlanta  
jim jones  
dis poem is revoltin against 1st world 2nd world  
3rd world division man made decision  
dis poem is like all the rest  
dis poem will not be amongst great literary works  
will not be recited by poetry enthusiasts  
will not be quoted by politicians nor men of religion  
dis poem s knives bombs guns blood fire  
blazin for freedom  
yes dis poem is a drum  
ashanti mau mau ibo yoruba nyahbingi warriors  
uhuru uhuru  
uhuru namibia  
uhuru soweto  
uhuru afrika  
dis poem will not change things  
dis poem need to be changed  
dis poem is a rebirth of a peopl  
arizin awaking understandin  
dis poem speak is speakin have spoken  
dis poem shall continue even when poets have stopped writin  
dis poem shall survive u me it shall linger in history  
in your mind  
in time forever  
dis poem is time only time will tell  
dis poem is still not written  
dis poem has no poet  
dis poem is just a part of the story  
his-story her-story our-story the story still untold

dis poem is now ringin talkin irritatin  
makin u want to stop it  
but dis poem will not stop  
dis poem is long cannot be short  
dis poem cannot be tamed cannot be blamed  
the story is still not told about dis poem  
dis poem is old new  
dis poem was copied from the bible your prayer book  
playboy magazine the n.y. times readers digest  
the c.i.a. files the k.g.b. files  
dis poem is no secret  
dis poem shall be called boring stupid senseless  
dis poem is watchin u tryin to make sense from dis poem  
dis poem is messin up your brains  
makin u want to stop listenin to dis poem  
but u shall not stop listenin to dis poem  
u need to know what will be said next in dis poem  
dis poem shall disappoint u  
because  
dis poem is to be continued in your mind in your mind  
in your mind your mind