

Four Poems by Mohamed A. Eno

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Graduate of Clan War Academy

Born in the eruption of blasts
Beneath ballistic missiles
While poorly parents pithless
Were procuring for *bililiqo* loots

At three he won a grand award
Reciting names of eighty weapons weird
In the Warfare Hymn Competition
Held in the Clan War Kindergarten

Swiftly manoeuvring machine guns
In a blink planting deadly bombs
Odd activities in army tactics
Expert the orphan was at six

An alien army when he engaged
As a leader of the Under-Ten Brigade
Though unable to inscribe the alphabet
Attained emeritus at age ten
In a prestigious Clan War Academy

Vulgarity so Anointed

Tribally drafted
Enforced motivation
Careless commitment
Vulgarity anointed
In a bosom empty
Of love and passion
He who lost wisdom
Went wild into war
Wrecking
Wretched

Wrecks

Death and life - alike
Growth and doom - alike
Heartless and humanity - alike
Hatred and harmony - alike
So men fed on hooves and honey
With hungry hounds hollering in empty
Yards, yearning for yams
While the reeling havoc rages
Wrecking
Wretched
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Moral De-values

Ferocity of acts passionless
Incurring her indignities thoughtless;
Ooze of virginity blood ceaseless
And the undignified body lifeless

Those bogus warriors mindless
Failures, rascals, heartless
At the hands of *moryaans* pitiless¹
The beautiful one lays motionless

Thugs applauding anarchy senseless
Wicked perpetrators ethic-less
A lot among the cursed, faithless
Pernicious buccaneers merciless
Made us a nation *xikmo*-less²
A society rendered much *xeer*-less³
Among those attributed as *xishmo*-less⁴
Wanderers so despised as *xarun*-less⁵

The Price of Disobedience

When Dubbad gave us that glance
In swelled face of annoyance
We looked down in avoidance
Taking refuge in our silence

It hurt; the lack of prominence
Disturbance to his intelligence
For which he lacked inheritance
Except in the form of vengeance

The prevalence of negligence
We depicted in ultimate defiance
Of an attitude emboldened with turbulence
Emerged in his ever sickly variance

He cocks a huge deadly appliance
To contain our pertinent recalcitrance
For not bowing in acceptance
Thus violating his importance

We emptied the scene of the occurrence
Scampering, squeezing into an ambulance;
Under influence of a whiffy smelly substance
He released a hellish rocket loud and nuisance
"Alloow magantaa! Alloow magantaa!"
Oh Lord! Protect us!

Endnotes

1. Mooryaan: means marauding armed gangs that loot, rape and cause human suffering
2. Xikmo: (Arabic origin) relates to wisdom, conscience and sound moral judgment
3. Xeer: is Somali for customary law by which every citizen of a culture is bound
4. Xishmo: means dignity, profound respect and honor
5. Xarun: means home, abode, nation