

POETRY

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When You See Me

When you see me walking around
With a grumbling stomach,
I don't need your succor,
'cause my thoughts are far better than yours.
No, I don't need your help.
Keep it to yourself!

When you see me jumping from skillet to fire,
I don't need your aid,
'cause I won't cry.

When you see me sitting quietly,
Like stagnant water,
Head down like a broken candle,
I don't need your comfort,
'cause I am disappointed.
I am just looking through the mirror of the future.

I don't need your care. "Stop it!"
Keep it to yourself,
'cause, I have found a way out.

I need to work harder,
Just like my ancestors worked hard for success.
For if my glory is to shine
As a glittering star,
I will find a way out.

Author's Note



Omotoso Daniel Oluwafunmilade is a talented young writer and student at Government College Ibadan. He hails from Ekiti State but currently resides in Oyo State in Nigeria.

As a 14-year-old, grade 10 student, Daniel has already demonstrated a keen interest in writing. He draws inspiration from various sources, including literature, poetry, and people such as Mrs. Sobo Olajumoyimikaakiri, his teacher and mentor at Government College, and his friend and fellow poet, Abdulrazaq Godwin Omeiza.

Daniel's interests extend beyond writing, as he is also enthusiastic about reading and playing football. His passion for writing, coupled with his academic pursuits, positions him for a bright future. As he continues to grow and develop as a writer, he will make meaningful contributions to the literary world.