

WE ARE THE WORLD: COLLECTION OF POEMS

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## ABSTRACT

This collection of poems is inspired by the song by legend and King of Pop Michael Jackson. Listening to this song two years ago reminded me that there are wounds in this country that are not just ours, but the world's. Some of those wounds are killers, such as Racism, Colorism, Social Inequality, Domestic Violence, and Depression. These killers are the same predator in every country although they wear different faces. "We Are The World" is a creative work that profiles these killers in conversations with their counterparts, who are Respect, Unity, Self-Worth, Love, and Hope. This is the beginning of a relationship where morals will be questioned; it is complex and full of patience. This creative piece is an educational tool to alter the ignorant perceptions of who these killers are and what they are capable of. Joseph Conrad once noted that "The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary. Men alone are quite capable of every wickedness."

**Domestic Violence (GERMAN)**  
**Love (FRENCH)**  
**Racism (KOREAN)**  
**Respect (ITALIAN)**  
**Social Inequalities (SERBIAN)**  
**Self-Worth (SPANISH)**  
**Colorism (SUNDANESE)**  
**Unity (PORTUGUESE)**  
**Depression (NEPALIAN)**  
**Hope (HAITIAN CREOLE)**

## Häusliche Gewalt -L'amour

### Häusliche Gewalt

Why am I here?

Why am I talking to you?

This is never going to work

### L'amour

Is that what you think?

It is time for a change  
Let us work this out together

Why do you "hate" me so much?

Do you even know me?

### Häusliche Gewalt

Of course

Well

First off, you are

Never mind

### L'amour

Wait

I am what?

### Häusliche Gewalt

**Dependent**

You depend on someone or something else

I do not

I am good on my own

### L'amour

Really

That is interesting  
Please, tell me more

### Häusliche Gewalt

I will

I am the teacher

You are the student

### L'amour

If this is how you want to do it  
I am listening

### Häusliche Gewalt

I **feed** off others

No one **touches** me

I get stronger others get **weaker**

It's the way of **life**

It is **survival**

What happens when there is **nothing** left?  
What will you **feed** on then?

**L'amour**  
There is no substance in **emptiness**

**Häusliche Gewalt**

Who said, I was **empty**  
I am always **full**  
If not  
I will get it by any means necessary

**L'amour**  
Just because you think you are **full**  
Does not mean that you are

**Häusliche Gewalt**

Stop talking

Did I say you can speak?

I am the teacher  
You are the student  
Understood

**L'amour**  
Understood

**Häusliche Gewalt**

I am **everything** and **everyone**  
I am chosen by **god**

Do you think you are **better** than me?

Teacher?  
Which one?

**L'amour**  
The one upstairs or down

**Häusliche Gewalt**

You son of bitch

**L'amour**  
**Calm** down  
It was a **joke**  
**Laughter** is a good thing

**Häusliche Gewalt**

It is only **good** if I cause it  
I will not be made a **fool** of

**L'amour**  
No one is doing that

I am hearing you out

**Häusliche Gewalt**

Are you?  
Am I making you **uncomfortable**?  
Am I making you **angry**?

**L'amour**

No  
No, you are not

**Häusliche Gewalt**

We will **see**  
I **control** this not you

**L'amour**

Maybe  
I can still **live** without you

**Häusliche Gewalt**

Oh?  
Really?  
Is that so?

**L'amour**

We can **work** this out  
But to be clear I do not **need** you  
I am **strong** enough on my own

**Häusliche Gewalt**

Your **delusions** amaze me  
I said, you are **dependent**  
There is so much for you to **learn**

**L'amour**

Ok  
**Educate** me  
About me  
I am a **foreign** language to you

**Häusliche Gewalt**

No  
I understand you perfectly

**L'amour**

I am listening

**Häusliche Gewalt**

This is how you should **hunt**  
What you are looking for is a **woman, child, or man**  
Some are easier than others

I like to **play** with my food

You need **Aggression**  
**Restriction**  
**Control**

**Freedom**, is how you will be devoured by the world?

**L'amour**

Why not give them **nutrients**?

Instead of **depleting** someone's essence  
This is not **completeness**

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
This is fulfillment  
This is my **creation**

**L'amour**

You did not **create** them  
You **destroy** them

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
No  
That is **harsh**  
I have **patience**  
I **break** them...slowly

**L'amour**

You cannot break what is already **broken**  
That is a **cheat** play  
You **hunt** them, because they are easy  
So, they do not **stray**  
A **challenge** is so much more rejuvenating

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
It takes work to enjoy a **masterpiece**  
**Perfection** is key  
**Nothing** better

**L'amour**

**Imperfection** is a beautiful thing

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
**Imperfection** means nothing  
All that is needed is **structure** and **stability**  
It is annoying, the "**apologies**"  
Such **pathetic** things  
Just do what I say  
You will come out **pristine**

**L'amour**

Do you like a **challenge**?  
Or  
Are you just that **lazy**?  
Or  
Maybe you are just **mean**

### Häusliche Gewalt

How **dare** you?  
Do you know who I am?  
What I have done?  
Do not make me have to **teach** you a lesson

**L'amour**  
I thought you were  
Let us keep going

### Häusliche Gewalt

There is no **us** or **we**  
Only **I**  
I matter

**L'amour**  
That is so **lonely**  
There is no **I** in me

### Häusliche Gewalt

It is...  
My **creation** they are  
I **know** everything  
I **see** everything  
I **sense** everything  
I **hear** everything  
I am their everything  
There is **no one** else  
Without me **nothing**

### L'amour

Are you sure about that?  
Everyone has their own **roots**  
Some are more loosely **grounded** than others  
But still outweigh the few that are still **growing**

### Häusliche Gewalt

There is **no** few  
Everyone is **planted** in me  
My **vines** connect them all through thoughts and dreams  
Imagination can be a **prickly** thing  
Something I do not **want** there to be  
Ideas are the **enemy**

**L'amour**

But **pride** does not have a team  
What happened to being a **family**?  
**Torturing** their thoughts and **stopping** the streams  
It is important to **drink**

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
Someone must always lead  
That is, I  
**Dominance** is what my appetite needs

**L'amour**  
They also need to be **free**  
Live **spiritually**  
Enjoy the **pleasantries**  
Have substance to one's **identity**

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
**Spirit** does not exist  
I **eat** that for breakfast  
My way of life is pretty much **legal** all over the world  
I am not a **misfit**  
I **fit** right in  
Thank you, **human nature**

**L'amour**  
Why can you not do your **own** dishes?  
Why is it always **one-sided**?  
**Compromise** is not ridiculous  
Are you **picky** with your participants?

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
I do not **discriminate**  
All ages and genders are such easy bait  
I have an **endless** supply  
There are so many ways to **divide**  
To be fair the **system** makes it easy for me anywhere  
**Societal** ways are allowing me to cruise through the waves

**L'amour**  
**Times** have changed  
It is more fair  
The world does care

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
After how **many** years  
Exactly  
I will **always** be back  
I **ease** my way somehow somewhere

All I do is **adapt** to different terrains  
Once I have you  
I will **never** go away

**L'amour**  
Yes  
You will  
With **time** and **space**

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
I **feed** different ways  
**Forced Prostitution** is one of my favorites  
I am getting **stronger** everyday

**L'amour**  
Strength does not come from **stealing**  
It comes from withstanding and **healing**

Do you **believe** me?

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
Your **optimism** is fighting against something that **progresses** through time  
I am an **undefeatable patron** in my prime  
Since when have I ever **truly** been considered a **crime**  
A **joke** in police officers' eyes

**L'amour**  
That is interesting since you have no **control**  
It is only you **alone**  
How **depressing** that must feel  
Always **lost**, but finds imperfect no's  
A purpose is **hard** to unfold  
Can you **forgive** and let it go  
Only you know

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
I am **power**  
When I am **disobeyed**  
I enjoy the **darkest** pleasures  
Including **carving** my name in big letters on a smooth body  
**Fear** is my bread and butter  
Who are you?  
My new freshly painted feathers

Do you want to know what I had for dinner?

**L'amour**  
Let me guess  
**Isolation**  
Which you use as tactic when it is all about you  
**Submission**

Dogs can be cute  
**Obedience**  
Darn, I have to keep listening to you  
**Socially and Legally**  
Unfortunately, you are there in some ways too  
**Successful**  
You always have help there too

Do you see it?  
Are we making progress?

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
**Society** gave me this power  
They know I do not matter  
I have created **disasters**  
Still remember the title **master**  
**Honor Killings** are my laughter  
This happens when the students forget who the teacher is

**L'amour**  
Now you are a **discipliner**  
Hmm  
I wonder  
What happens, when you are the one that plunders  
Wait, I know you just blame the others  
How "**honorable**"

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
**Aggression** is the fun part  
Seals the deal  
It is the subtle things that **kills** the meal  
Makes it easy to steal  
It is **mutual** relationship  
A consenting thrill

**L'amour**  
It is a **parasitic** relationship  
Someone always has the raw end of the deal  
What is the matter?  
You cannot handle what is real

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
I am going to  
**Slap**  
**Shove**  
**Punch**  
**Kick**  
**Burn**  
**Break**  
**Rape**  
**Mutilate**

Those who think they exist in the same realm as me

**L'amour**  
I will **fight**  
I will never **die** for you  
I will keep going until everyone understands the **truth**  
There is always a way to **win** against someone like you  
Be there for the many not just the global few

### **Häusliche Gewalt**

Win?  
“People play games as a substitute for real **intimacy**, and every game, however **unpleasant**, has a particular payoff for one or both players”

The **disrespect**  
I am ahead of this too  
Once I launch  
You will be forgotten  
And askew  
It is how I flourish and bloom

**L'amour**  
Let us think about that for a minute  
You cannot ruin something **pure**  
It is naturally an open door that never closes  
You are **obscure**  
A **desperate** organism always in search of closure  
Moreover  
All you have to eat are artificial clovers  
**Nothing** real to chew over

What is wrong?

**L'amour**  
You cannot face the truth  
I am only trying to **educate** you

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
You are trying to get in my head  
Confusing me with my methods  
I am still one of the **deadliest**  
I could care less

**L'amour**  
I was right  
You do not know me  
I can be your **friend** or worst **enemy**  
Your choice

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
Did you just threaten me

L'amour  
No  
I corrected you

**Häusliche Gewalt**

**Despicable**

I know, you are a follower  
You are a **loser**  
You are **worthless**  
You are **infectious**  
You are **impatient**  
You are **irresponsible**  
You are **alone**

**L'amour**

**Wow**

I am not alone, I am with you  
I am not worthless; I **believe** in myself too  
I am not an infection, but one of the **cures**  
I am not impatient; I have patiently been **listening** to you  
I am not irresponsible, though it is hard to be **accountable**  
I am not a follower; I hope to be a **leader** for you  
We can **respect** each other too  
**Work** with me here it's up to you

**Häusliche Gewalt**

There can only be one at the top  
I have **infected** all corners of the world

**India**  
**Israel**  
**Australia**  
**The Américas**  
**China**  
**Mongolia**  
**Russia**  
**Etcetera**  
**Etcetera**

**L'amour**

You **underestimate** me  
Are you **tired** of being lonely?  
The **façade** you have is heartbreaking  
Being human is **serenity**  
Not **agony**

**Häusliche Gewalt**

No one ever listens to me  
Hearing me, but not listening  
**Stupid**  
It is so **agitating**

Yet, wonder why I am always **abusing**

**L'amour**

Ok

**Fair**

Different method

Tug a war

Let us see who **understands** the other better

No take backs

Leave it all here

You listen

I listen

The final words

**Häusliche Gewalt**

Since I want to

Why not?

**L'amour**

Ok

You first

**Häusliche Gewalt**

Your job is **perfection**

**L'amour**

**Imperfection** is what keeps things interesting

**Häusliche Gewalt**

Possibilities are **endless**

**L'amour**

Impossibilities are **tradition**

**Häusliche Gewalt**

What I am asking for is **order?**

**L'amour**

All you are missing out on is the **chaos**

**Häusliche Gewalt**

You need me to **hurt** you  
It's okay I need to **hurt** you

**L'amour**

You can try

Denying my existence makes me **strong**

Can't hurt something that is **pure**

**Häusliche Gewalt**

I am right, never **wrong**

**L'amour**  
You are **right**, only to yourself

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
What is mine, is **mine**

**L'amour**  
I am **mine** too, just not only for you

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
You just want me to be **jealous**

**L'amour**  
I want you to **appreciate**

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
I am **protecting** what is mine

**L'amour**  
You are **destroying** what is yours

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
You are **weakness**

**L'amour**  
The opposite, **love**  
I am **strength**

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
Why don't you admit the **truth**?

**L'amour**  
I am the **truth**  
Have you not noticed the ease I have with all your **insults**?  
I am **listening**  
I am **hearing**  
I am **understanding**

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
No, you are **disrespecting** me  
Everyone **disrespects** me  
I need **respect**  
I deserve **respect**  
How I solve that is **power**

**L'amour**  
Oh, honey  
Power is just a **branch**  
Not the whole **tree**

You are a rose that grew out of **concrete**  
There is still **time** to see

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
I **don't** understand  
I **can't** feel good

Are you even listening to me?

**L'amour**  
I am  
**Trust** me

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
**Trust**  
**Trust**  
Trust is **brokenness**  
Trust is **weakness**  
Trust is **stupidity**  
I trust in **conformity**

**L'amour**  
Not at all  
Trust is **beauty**  
You just have to **believe** it  
You will **feel** great if you let it in

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
What in?

**L'amour**  
The thing you have been trying to defeat  
**Me**  
I am **patient**  
I am **kind**  
I am never **jealous**  
I am **divine**  
I have always been there the whole **time**  
I am **not** fear  
I am **risk**  
The risk of a **meaningful** life  
It does not hurt to **try**  
Ignore your **mind's** lies  
You are in the **wrong**  
But you will **transform** to something new with time  
I am here at the **finish** line  
All you have to do is **walk** across

**Häusliche Gewalt**  
Do you seriously think someone like me can **change**?  
With a **god-complex** society blames  
I am not just in the **homes, streets, schools**

I am in the **system** as we speak  
I **feed**  
Just as they **feed**  
Me and the world are a working **team**

**L'amour**  
Maybe  
You forget I exist in the **simplest** things and the complex  
We will figure this out one day  
Today, we came to **middle** ground  
I understand you  
You unwillingly are starting to get me  
I am **passionate**  
I do not give up easily

## Minjogjeog Uwolgam - Rispetto

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Welcome

Welcome

I am the world

Don't touch

Rispetto

What

You can't take a handshake

I washed my hands

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Obviously, you didn't do a good job with your skin

I would help with that but

Times have changed

It will be only a matter of time before you do it to yourself

Rispetto

Oh, wow

I did not realize

I needed help

Except you need it more than I do

Minjogjeog Uwolgam

Put yourself at my level

Rispetto

Level

Ha

I am everyone's level if they allow it

I am just not yours'

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

Allow

You are nothing

It's not how the world works

It works my way

**It's the order that is important**

**Rispetto**

The world is broken

Its barely working

**It's more of an order of separation**

No connection

That's not how it should be

**Something must connect the dots so the world can breathe**

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

Connection is weakness

**Knowledge to ignorance**

I spread knowledge

**Rispetto**

Um

You might want to flip that

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

Do not mock me

**Rispetto**

Not mocking, clarifying

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

This world would be nothing without me

**Empowerment for unity**

**Rispetto**

I think the world would be happier without you

**Destroying people's light for your selfish intentions belittling not empowering**

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

And what do you do for the world

**Rispetto**

**Spread beauty, honor, and appreciation**

Its acceptance

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

What's honorable about respect?

What a joke

Are you serious?

**My system is acceptance**

Below me

**Rispetto**

**Your system is dehumanizing**

It's a desperate and cheap power move in this day and age

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

It's what built this country's power

I am the foundation

I am written in the times from the beginning

**Rispetto**

The beginning is not the end

It's a footnote by the time it gets to the end

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

How can you change a system

**Rispetto**

It's not the system

It's the mentality

One mind at a time

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

This will do more harm than good

Time

There is not enough

**Rispetto**

There is, if you know how to use it

Times are changing

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

Times are changing

For my way

**Rispetto**

I love it

I hope for a happy tomorrow

Because one day you won't exist

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

Excuse me

Who hell do you think you are

**Rispetto**

I am your better half

We will get to that to later

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

You, measly little roach

Tell

Me

Now

**Rispetto**

Um

Excuse me

That is not how you ask, sir

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

You are right, I am a sir

Therefore, asking is not in my vocabulary

**Expectation is**

**Rispetto**

Mam

You want an answer

You ask

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

I am a man  
I am a sir  
I am the system  
I am fear  
I am ignorance at its best  
I am the World  
You are

**Rispetto**  
Actually

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**  
Pathetic

**Rispetto**  
If you would have let me finish

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**  
Exactly  
Would

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**  
And I would not  
**I control this not you**  
Be sure to always remember that

**Rispetto**  
Remember what  
That you are rude  
**I did nothing to deserve this attitude**

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

**By existing you did**

You people annoy me

Never want to conform

Never look the same

Never behave the same

Therefore, you dwindle more and more

I have to say it is a work of art

**Rispetto**

How so?

Art is subjective

How it looks, speaks, moves you

It can be different for someone else

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

No

One

Else

Do

Not

Patronize

Me

**Rispetto**

I am not

I am trying to get you to think

**You contradicted yourself**

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

**You are an imbecilic animal**

You can not tell me what I already know

I am here

And

You

Are

There

### Rispetto

Why is it so hard for you to talk to me as a fellow human

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

History says you are not

I am the world scholar

Because history repeats itself

### Rispetto

How can history repeat when nothing changed in the first place?

It was only disguised

Put peroxide on a wound that needs intense strategic surgery

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

I am the world

The world thinks it does

Particularly my favorite part of my world is the

**United States of America**

### Rispetto

Seriously, your favorite part

Why?

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

Now look who is asking questions

A stupid one at that

But I will indulge

Out of everyone else they make affairs more difficult than they need to

### **The United States of America**

They acknowledge the purpose and importance of surgery

No one is willing to pay for it

No one wants to take the time to do the procedure

### **Rispetto**

Why?

You all know all power trips do end

The high is only the fantasy of reality

Reality is no one truly has any power

**Too prideful to accept the reality**

### **Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

It can be a career killer

Why blow up the country when other countries notice the wound has worsened?

**It is only a matter of time until it completely malfunctions**

Destroying the body leaving pain, fear, inferiority, and glorious opportunity to renew

Is it not beautiful?

### **Rispetto**

It is amazing to me,

**How you do not see the inhumanity of this?**

You are completely enjoying yourself

People are suffering from this still today in this country and world

**How does this superiority prove anything?**

### **Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

It proves everything  
It proves I am everywhere  
It proves I am everything  
I am the mind  
**It proves I have power over everyone's minds**

**Rispetto**

Not mine

You never will

**Being in the same space helped me realize something about you**

You are not real

You are not honest

You take what is not yours

You take spirits

You prey on what you can't have

You prey on what you can't control

You fight what is different

You fight the truth

You and I

We see each other now

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

I have control over you

I will have control over you

You are unholy

You are a disgrace to this world

**You are a hypocrite**

**Rispetto**

You know this whole conversation

**All you do is insult me with ignorance**

I guess  
**I insult you but with integrity**  
What do you have?  
Do you have any?  
Silence  
I figured so

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

Integrity  
You have been lying this whole time to me and to yourself  
Who are you?

**Rispetto**

The fact you haven't figured it out lets me know you have not been paying attention  
I see you  
**Why can't you see me?**

**Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

People like you are blind to the reality of things  
There is order  
There is conformity  
There is superiority  
All for balance  
If you people stop fighting it  
You will have peace of minds  
Life would be so much easier  
Know your place  
**Stay the hell in it**

**Rispetto**

Breaking bones is happiness

Draining spirits are encouraging

Drowning voices to speak

Poisoning bodies to think

Burning faith to believe

Sounds like the assimilation you wish for

What kind of a life would that be?

### **Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

It is one

You are still breathing

You are still moving around

**It is not oppression**

It is completion

**It is not exploitation**

It is revelation

There is no need to win

**I have been winning for years**

### **Rispetto**

So, have I

**Being a lion does not always mean you are dangerous**

It means you are loud

There is no substance only artificial intelligence

Relevant points are being made here

The execution is the wrong way

### **Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

You people are a waste of time

Why do I even try?

No matter what

**Too stupid to understand the real world**

To understand humanity

### **Rispetto**

Quite the contrary

**Am I in every human?**

To understand someone like you is to not get on their level

But respect theirs

Starts internal one by one

**External is when the change begins**

### **Minjogjeog Uwolgam**

**I have the internal**

It is sociology at its best (KU Klux Klan) ...we still around

It is the history books I write that is everywhere(mind)

It is the anger of the past

It is the shame of the past

It is the pain of the past

It is annoyance of the past

It is social hierarchy of past, present, and future

**I have external**

The "durable inequalities"

The Institutions such as incarceration, health care, mental care, politics, jobs, schools,  
neighborhoods, cities, states, government and the best for last

The country

These are my weapons that get reloaded and charged every second, minute, hour, day,  
week, month, and year

Thank you, Instagram, Twitter, CNN, FOX NEWS, etc.

Makes it even easier for me

## **Rispetto**

**Weapons can be destroyed**

By acknowledging the truth

Already weakening its power

Then eventually the power will dissipate

And what is in your place the one thing you cannot handle

Acceptance

You are incapable of doing so

That is alright

**Us people will do it for you**

## **Društvena Nejednakost- Dignidad**

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong in a house

### **Dignidad**

I want to get a degree not a spouse

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong in the basement level

### **Dignidad**

I am the CEO of the company without a shovel

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong cleaning the house

### **Dignidad**

I own a house

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong in the fields

### **Dignidad**

I can pay my own bills

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong at a desk

### **Dignidad**

I get paid to rest

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong on the football team

### **Dignidad**

I am living the drag queen dream

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong in a nail salon

### **Dignidad**

I am a NY cop that is my job

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong to the streets

### **Dignidad**

I am the greatest artist living

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong at the bottom

### **Dignidad**

I made my own album

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong to me

### **Dignidad**

I am wild and free

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong to motherhood

### **Dignidad**

I am misunderstood because I am still good

**Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong in prison

**Dignidad**

I am running my own mission

**Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong in the grave

**Dignidad**

I am at war overseas being brave

**Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong to the state

**Dignidad**

I am not a mistake

**Društvena Nejednakost**

You belong to society

**Dignidad**

I belong to me

**“Self-esteem occurs naturally when we choose to live according to reason and our own principles”**

**Društvena Nejednakost**

***Everyone wants to be on top***

I am on top always

I will never be at the bottom

It is too easy

**Dignidad**

If that is your story

**Everyone wants to be on their own top**

Not the top necessarily

**Društvena Nejednakost**

What are you talking about

I worked hard to stay here

**Dignidad**

That is my point

Stay

That means you already had the privilege of getting to the top

**Društvena Nejednakost**

What privilege, I had to earn the respect I have today

I bled for my spot up here

**Dignidad**

How much of that blood is yours?  
Who did you kill to get there?

**Društvena Nejednakost**

It is survival of the fittest

***Social Darwinism***

If you want it bad enough you will do anything possible  
Especially if the system itself works in your favor

**Dignidad**

Let me get this straight

You believe that wealth, power, and status is more important than your character

**Društvena Nejednakost**

What character?

That is some weak shit

It is all about making connections

***You use them***

***They use you***

It is that simple

**Dignidad**

Are you enjoying yourself up there?

How many drinks have you had today?

How many pills was it, again?

How is your nose? I heard the last one was not 100% pure

How did the DUI happen?

How are your restless nights?

What was his name again?

What was her name again?

**It is simple**

**But was it worth it?**

**Društvena Nejednakost**

You are an asshole killing my buzz

You are just jealous of for what I have

I am complete

I am the best in society

***You can be too, with a price***

**Dignidad**

Do not start with me, I am not the one

You will lose

I am an independent fighter

I have a feeling you are a dependent one

Who uses a corrupt system as a crutch to feel worthy?

**Društvena Nejednakost**

Someone who is smart

*It is not my fault women are such a burden  
It is not my fault a blind person cannot be a manager  
It is not my fault people on the bottom can barely reach me  
It is what is*

Why should I change?  
I come from you

**Dignidad**

No, sweetheart  
You do not come from me  
**You are a manifestation of the flaws of human nature**  
I come from love  
You come from the 7 deadly sins  
Anyone who thrives through you are the quickest and easiest to fall  
At some point you will too

**I will happily be at the bottom eating popcorn  
It will be quite a show**

**Društvena Nejednakost**

*I am impressively oppressive*

I do not get shit for it  
What does that tell you?  
It tells you to let this go  
You are on the losing team  
Accepting the loss, it would make life smoother

**Dignidad**

Smoother  
**Sometimes it is better to get rough**  
People are losing their minds  
Children are taking their own lives  
Do you even care?

**Društvena Nejednakost**

Are they my kids  
No

When my kids are in this equation then we come up with a solution

### **Dignidad**

#### **Why are you so afraid of change?**

The mind says it is about time  
Oh, the heart says something different

Are you insecure  
Are you selfish  
Are you not worth it  
Are you powerful  
Are you strong  
Are you a man  
Are you a "wife"  
Are you educated enough

**It seems to me the top is full of holes to fall through**

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

You are the one poking the holes  
I have a foundation to stand on

### **Dignidad**

On what status, reputation, wealth, power  
Neither of those count  
**What do you have left?**

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

I have trillions that is all the support I need  
I have the latest model of the fastest car in the world  
I have travel miles like no other  
I have luxury wherever I go  
I give to the homeless  
You  
***Threaten my hard work***

### **Dignidad**

I thought there was no work  
Just connections  
What did I hit a nerve?  
You do not phase me  
**I am what is needed to withstand your adversity**

### **Društvena Nejednakost**

*I am everywhere translated in many languages around the world like Romanian*

You cannot destroy me  
I am the wants and desires

**Dignidad**

**You are a dream that became an addictive nightmare**  
I am the remedy  
Once a person finds the grounded purpose for moving up the ranks  
They will surpass someone like you  
**They will be the transformation the world needs**

**Društvena Nejednakost**

No one will believe this  
You are not understanding how this works  
We will burn you to the ashes  
*The lowest level of all*

**Dignidad**

You are forgetting we are the masses  
Once everyone believes in me  
We will not burn you down  
We will be standing along side  
**There is room at the top for everyone**

## Warnaan - Unidade

### Unidade

We are in a bed of flowers  
With colors that stretch to the skies  
I do not see one color for a rose  
I see pink, red, yellow

**I also see an intertwined flower of rose and lilies**

How beautiful it looks  
How soft it feels  
This is a new generation of possibilities

**The generation of unity**

I am not in this flower bed alone  
There is a shadow blocking the light to some of the flowers

Not only that  
What is it doing?

### Warnaan

It loves me  
It loves me not  
It loves only its backside  
It loves me not  
Giving birth to future

**What a corrupt thought**

**What a disgusting world we live in**

These flowers should never be together  
Specially to pollinate more  
There is only a 50% chance it will be acceptable  
The other 50% will beg for the gallows  
Who would want that for their children?  
Such selfish things adults do without consideration  
"One drop rule" may be the only salvation  
It breaks my heart

### Unidade

Does it break your heart?

**You are picking off the petals of your loved ones**

Your friends  
Yourself  
There is a reason for units and teams

There is strength in numbers  
Always better than alone

**Warnaan**

See alone is where I want you  
I love it when you are alone

**Isolation is the best opening to one's mind**

I learned it from my father  
You know him  
He helped create slavery  
He was a part of everything  
I really look up to him  
He has yet to retire

**Unidade**

Just because his father has not retired  
Does not mean he is not getting old

**Eventually he will run out of new ways to  
separate us**

We should not wait on that  
I am what pulls us together  
His son has no imagination  
He only gets his power from division  
Every time I flourish, he becomes weak

**No one enjoys being weak**

**Warnaan**

One thing my enemy over there has right

**I am a shadow**

Last time I checked a person cannot destroy their shadow

**I am always there**

Because I am there  
I have power  
Shadows are subtle and so am I

**Unidade**

He is correct

**Also, shadows cannot handle the light**

I shine bright  
See I make him uncomfortable

**Shadows are only as big as you make them**

Remember that  
It all starts here (mind)  
Only you can use me

I am always here for you

**Warnaan**

**I hate celebrations like**

The Essence Festival  
The NAACP Awards  
Black History Month  
My personal favorite Black Girls Rock  
This gives encouragement  
This gives status  
This gives acceptance  
This gives acknowledgement of beauty

**The concepts I despise**

It is fine  
Means nothing  
I am a global phenomenon  
The one I detest the most is a black history month

Don't hate the player  
Hate the foundation  
My foundation has rarely been shaken  
I have lost some battles

**I am still winning the war**

**Unidade**

Why poison what is already sick  
Are you that desperate?  
You can't wait for the strength to build  
Is it not more fun to tear down a strong tree than an old worthless one?

**Warnaan**

Of course  
All of it, is beautiful to experience

**White trees are better**

Can handle anything

No one wants to be darker  
It is curiosity at its best  
Because "bronze", "tanning", "summer glow"

**Are the "acceptable" shades**

Even a tree bends to what supports it

**You can't argue with nature**

**Unidade**

You do realize that when one is torn down another will take its place

**Warnaan**

Place

It does not have a place to begin with

Especially you

You do, feel, think how I see fit

**Because in this country you're a color but globally at least your mixed with something of value**

**Unidade**

Value

What is value

How much am I worth?

What is market value?

**Warnaan**

Since you asked

**Mirror Mirror in their eyes  
Who is fairest for the skies?**

Last time I checked clouds are white

**Unidade**

It was rhetorical

I already know

**Warnaan**

Marvelous

**Now let me educate the masses**

**Unidade**

You educate

Ok, but remember not to discriminate

Wait, hold on

That is who you are

**So, please educate on the deception that creates you**

**Warnaan**

Don't mind if I do

You have to understand it is not my fault

**I was born into this**

It is my purpose

**Unidade**

Do you not get tired of tearing people apart?  
Especially when all they want to do is connect

**We are built to connect**

To sever that ability is detrimental

**Warnaan**

Yes

Exactly

It is the greatest gift I offer

I don't have to kill

**They do it to themselves**

See places like India

Specifically, Indian Diaspora are the largest market for skin-lighters

A poisoning success story that keeps on thriving

Destroying the little "beauty" they had left

**Unidade**

Unfortunately, that is true  
You know what else is the truth

**What is used to separate can be used to bring  
together**

Pain is growth not the end

**Warnaan**

**Pain is all I know**

**Pain is who I am**

I burn the skin

I cut the skin

I scratch the skin

I pierce the skin

I beat the skin

I break the skin

I can never change the skin

I sure can make it undesirable

In employment, social relationships, education, courts of law, voting preferences

Shall I go on

**Since humans agree  
It already is undesirable**

**Unidade**

The skin shows us we are human  
We are cut from the same cloth

The skin is our protection  
We find comfort in one another

The skin is a part of the mosaic  
We are the masterpiece

You see

**You can't break what is elastic  
It will always come back together**

**Warnaan**

You bastard  
You have no name  
You have no home  
You have no land  
You have no identity

**Remember the "Paper Bag Rule"**

**Unidade**

I have all those pieces to my puzzle  
This is not about me  
This about you

I am your enemy  
But who I am

**You know my name**

**Is your friend**

**Warnaan**

I don't have any friends  
I have colleagues  
We work for the same thing  
To devour humanity from within  
If you haven't noticed  
We are doing one hell of job

**If you think marrying is an answer  
Remember only one of you is improving the other**

**Unidade**

Not anymore

Part of your charm is no one believed you existed

Now they do

They have a front row seat

Being aware of you

Already weakens you

But together we can dissolve you

**What do you think?**

**Same time tomorrow**

## **ḐIPRĒSANA - ESPWA**

### **Ḑiprēsana**

Hello

Can you see me

Of course, you can't

Let's start with a riddle shall we

### **Espwa**

That's one way to start a conversation

Hi

Oh, I can see you

Clear as the blue sky

They can't

### **Ḑiprēsana**

They will

Alright

"Everyone has it, but no one can lose it

What is it?"

### **Espwa**

I'm guessing here

Is it a hole

Is it a box

Is it a rope

Is it a mirror

Is it eyes

Is it mouth

Is it ears

Is it nose

Is it **ME**

### **Ḑiprēsana**

Hmm

Not bad

Of course, it is not you

Nice try

### **Espwa**

Are you sure about that

"Everyone has it, but no one can lose it

What is it?"

If it is not me  
Then it is **YOU**  
**A SHADOW**

**Ḍiprēsana**

You are correct  
    Don't look so surprised  
It will always be me

**Espwa**

I am not surprised  
    I wouldn't expect anything less from you  
    If anything, you are predictable  
    You distort what is in plain sight

**Ḍiprēsana**

Well  
    Of course  
Who wants to be plain  
    There is no fun in that  
It is a boring, mundane game to play  
    Deception is so much more insatiable

**Espwa**

Don't you get tired of playing the same game with the same players  
Every move is the same

**Ḍiprēsana**

That is where you are wrong  
    The game is being the same  
When you predict the game  
    The protection is weakened  
Then the fun begins  
    “People play games as a substitute for real intimacy, and every game, however  
    unpleasant, has a particular payoff for one or both players”  
Sound familiar

**Espwa**

So, that is how you do it  
This is how you kill hundreds, thousands, millions of people everywhere

**Ḍiprēsana**

Hey, hey, hey  
Don't blame me for the flaws of humanity  
Did I put the

Gun  
Knife

Rope  
Wires  
Scarf  
Shirt  
Poison  
Food  
Drugs  
Alcohol  
Window  
Bridge  
Roof

In their hands, mouths, arm, under their feet  
No  
I should be dropped of all charges  
You have nothing on me

### **Espwa**

This is not an interrogation  
This a conversation  
This is communication  
This is the beginning

### **Diprēsana**

The beginning of what

A relationship  
A friendship  
A companionship

No thanks  
I'm good on my own

### **Espwa**

I am resilient  
I am relentless  
I am patient

I never give up  
Let's start again  
Your name

### **Diprēsana**

Were you not listening  
I already told you

### **Shadow**

But then again  
The people have given me many names  
They still don't know what I am  
Where I come from  
They **THINK** they do

“If they “survive” the storm itself, its fury almost always fades and the disappears.  
Mysterious in my coming, mysterious in my going,”

The affliction runs its course, and no one finds peace  
I’m good, right

**Espwa**

That’s not your real name

It is your presence

It is how you look

**Diprēsana**

I **LOOK** like different things

The mind is the strongest yet weakest part of the body

The mind is my home

It is where I spend all my days

I live in your mind

The abyss everyone is afraid to go

**Espwa**

Not at all

You would not be able to survive in here

Last time I checked

Shadows hate the light

Can’t handle it

**Diprēsana**

What the hell are you talking

I don’t have to touch the light to get what I want

All I have to do is dim the source

That has always been a piece of cake

**Espwa**

Ok

Great

Touch me

Hug me

Shake my hand

Stand next to me

You can’t

Can you?

My presence burns you

It hurts

**Diprēsana**

I can

I just don’t want to

Look around

I am all around you

**Espwa**

True  
But nowhere near me

**Diprēsana**

You know what is interesting to me  
    The name I have been given  
No one truly believes in  
    If they did, they wouldn't handle me so lightly  
There is power in the tongue

**Espwa**

I can't argue there

There is power in the **TONGUE**  
There is power in the **MIND**

**Diprēsana**

Not for me  
    The mind is my playground  
Once I have the mind  
    It won't be long before I leave self-destruction in the wake of my reappearance

**Espwa**

Reappearance

Are you saying what I think you are saying?  
Are you able to be defeated?

**Diprēsana**

Your funny  
    Not defeated just waiting on the bench until it is my time again  
I am patient too  
    The beautiful part is  
I am everywhere  
    There is nowhere to hide

**Espwa**

There is no need to hide  
    Hiding is where the darkness lies  
    Facing the truth is where strength thrives

**Diprēsana**

I prey on the flaws of humanity  
    They make it so easy for me  
It is pathetic  
    All I have to do is wait for  
    **Family**-to die, separate, single-parent, **ABUSE**

**Occupation**-to be fired, no promotion, can't find a job, **PRESSURE**  
**School** -to lose a game, failing, lose scholarship, suspension, **STRESS**  
**Social**-to lose friends, break up, partying, **LONELY**

**Espwa**

Just because you are **ALONE** does not mean you are lonely  
**School** is to learn, how will you learn without **EXPERIENCE**  
**Work** is to give you money, but also to find your **PURPOSE**  
**Families** are a **STEPPINGSTONE**, not the destination  
**Life** is meant to be **CHALLENGING**, because that is the thrill of it

**Diprēsana**

Wow

Claps for you

Way to be optimistic

That is the weakest argument I have ever heard

**Espwa**

I am making some improvements to your arguments

I am listening to you

I felt it needed some additions

**Diprēsana**

That right there **“felt”**

Is the illogical default of humans

Logically there should be no such thing

But I have a huge audience to reach

I have to start somewhere

**Espwa**

Speaking of weak moves

That is one of them

So, if you can't handle the mind you go for the heart

And yet I thought the mind is where you lived

Eviction is a process you know all too well

**Diprēsana**

That may be true

I get back in every time

I always come back

You can't live without me

**Espwa**

I disagree

There are plenty who can, will, and do without you

You are **NOT** as important to humanity as you think

You are a **PART** of the ecosystem  
You will **NEVER** be the system

### **Diprēsana**

Are you sure?

I have the **DIE-HARD** fans  
No matter what they do they can't fight me  
I am the gravity for them to breath  
I become the "**LIGHT**" source

The quicksand that never ends  
The mud that never moves

### **Espwa**

That is an illusion  
The reality is always much sweeter

It is ok to sink sometimes  
Because when you do you can breathe  
It is ok to be stuck sometimes  
Because being still provides a bigger picture

### **Diprēsana**

You son of a

Are you mocking me?  
Are you trying to contradict me?

### **Espwa**

No  
I am just providing a different perspective  
I don't see what the big deal is

### **Diprēsana**

Let me explain this

The turnabout is fair play  
You can run or you can play but there are always people who will stay  
The game is to everyone's dismay  
It is not okay, but you might disobey  
So, play the game before walking away

To seek the future if you may  
Time has something that needs to always pay  
It is unsettling with all this glorious pain  
To see a better way, it grows to the world's dismay

The truth is never at bay

Lies are bought instead  
Sometimes it is better to just go ahead  
It is easier to let me in

You understand me now

### **Espwa**

You have no idea  
Unfortunately, you will win the game sometimes  
Doesn't mean it will be the same every time

Now understand me

The bird with a broken wing  
1<sup>st</sup> time she took a big swing  
Then lost everything

The wing is taking forever to heal it seems  
She is flying over so many rough streams  
At one time her and the wings were a team  
Being whole forever, oh please  
The wind was eventually going to come back and tease  
She wishes she could completely release

She is holding on to something deep  
She remembers

It takes time to replenish the trees  
It takes time for the bloom of leaves  
It takes time for a broken wing

In the meantime, she is not crippled to nothing  
She will always have something  
And I guarantee it is more lovely  
Herself  
Hope  
Is the healing philosophy

Are you listening

### **Diprēsana**

It is official  
You are impossible  
I am the dark

No one speaks about  
No one listens to it

No one sees it coming

I am passive aggressive

I am proud of it

It is an art to do what I do

My fellow killers and I have been around a long time

I am the oldest

Humans just didn't have a name for me yet

Or shall I say an excuse

But him am I always in the shadows

You must get it

We can never work

**Espwa**

I am up for a collaboration

It will be a challenging but fulfilling

You are right

You are old

So am I

I am not here to change you

That is too much work

I am here to understand you

That is what was accomplished on this day

We are balanced

It is what the fans truly want and yearn for

So, what do you say

See you next week, **DIPRĒSANA**