

**African Consistency (in Addis Tribune. Oct 15/2004)**

Our yester years,  
were dull and dark.  
filled with frustrations.

So,

we shouted “ **Independence !**”  
we cried “ **Uhuru !**”  
we roared “ **Socialism !**”

And,

we killed  
we died  
we starved.

Our present,  
is dull and dark  
filled with frustrations

So,

we shout “ **Democracy !**”  
we cry “ **Peace !**”  
we roar “ **Development !**”

And,

we kill  
we die  
we starve.

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**Man against Man (in Tribune-Oct 8/2004)**

Death is the hero,  
    **Us** the instruments !  
We are the victims,  
    **Us** the villains !  
We are the dying multitude,  
    **Us** the slaughterers !  
We are the starving millions,  
    **Us** the butchers !

There is no **God** or **Saint**  
that sends havoc  
or brings mercy.

It is all between  
    **YOU**  
        and    **ME**  
                    and    **NATURE !!**

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**Nature Cry (sent for November 12/2004. Addis Tribune)**

Go your way , Go...../

embezzle \_\_\_\_\_ millions  
delight in \_\_\_\_\_ palaces  
throw \_\_\_\_\_ lavish dinners  
offer \_\_\_\_\_ lewd parties

Go / Please / Go /

drive \_\_\_\_\_ de luxe cars  
fly \_\_\_\_\_ your fancy jets  
cruise \_\_\_\_\_ in luxury boats

Go YOUR way !

the majesty of the mountains  
the cuteness of the hills  
the fragrance of the fields  
the greenery of the land  
the freshness of the air  
the tranquility of the lakes  
the songs of the forests  
the murmur of the streams.....

Return **NATURE** to me  
Give me back my life  
As you depart.

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