

Digging for Some Words

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Wanderers and nomads have gone to see their chieftains

Will this be the end of the rain and the birds?

Who can send an emissary to speak to the seasons?

For the ravens and the crows already soak up the skies I'm digging for some words beneath the stones in
Zimbabwe

I'm searching for a drum song in the jungles of Zaire

I'm groping for the blood moon in the mountains of Malawi

Looking for the lion of Ethiopia Settling dusk gets darkened by the bark of the baboon
The frogs and the owls no longer call to the moon

The warlords have gathered, blue smoke hiss from teeth of chrome

And the baobab trembles in the boiling blood loam The fireplace is broken and the grinding stone too
Its million pieces flung across the plains of Africa

Each dusty fragment, a seed from which grows

The memory of a debt that only you and I will know

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Saigon

A craven walkie-talkie puts their bloodshot armor on

Some drink beer, milk, some drink kinky-kola

Sheep dogs live in Outeniqua, gun dogs in Angola Flames lick the corners of each hungry horseman's smile
They have locusts in their scabbards and desert's in their eyes
Passing through the air, they leave a sea of fetid rumors

As they ride upon the skyline on a secret trail of lies Wanderers and nomads have gone to see their chieftains
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I found some words beneath a stone in Zimbabwe

I heard a distant drum song in the jungles of Zaire

The blood moon spoke of war in the mountains of Malawi

But I never found the lion of Ethiopia Wanderers and nomads have gone to see their chieftains
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