



Honorable Mention

The Rebirth by Othman Amina, Nigeria

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Othman Amina, also known as The Audible Queen, is a multifaceted individual hailing from Nigeria. With a background in political science, she seamlessly intertwines her roles as a writer, spoken word performance artist, mental health enthusiast, public speaker, storyteller, and advocate. Othman is the visionary founder of Project Advosafe Initiative and the co-founder of Beyond the Surface Community. As a political scientist, she actively engages in the governance process, offering innovative solutions for societal betterment. In the realm of literature and performance poetry, she amplifies her voice to address pressing societal issues, utilizing poetry as a potent medium for social advocacy. Her impressive portfolio includes contributions to climate change awareness, recognition at the International Youth Day program, victories in youth challenges, and accolades such as being a finalist for the Vweta Chadwick Poetry Prize 2023. Othman continues to leave an indelible mark, performing at prestigious events like Tedx youth Gwarimpa, Abuja, and serving as an ambassador for Reset Nigeria Initiative. Her written works, including the acclaimed short story "It's Youth O'Clock," showcase her commitment to creative expression and societal advancement. As a participant in the 2023 Cohort of the Youth Leadership Development Programme, she stands as a beacon of inspiration in the realm of vouth-driven positive change. Othman Amina is not just an artist; she is a catalyst for progress and a dynamic force shaping a brighter future for Nigeria and beyond.

THE REBIRTH

The government preaches democracy but their actions speak hypocrisy

We are like prisoners in a virtual town

Been governed by people who are corrupt

Whose conscience are decayed

Whose abilities are filled with worms decomposing into stench that stinks to the heavens like a terrible pile

They inculcate policies like a posoined wine

That keeps coming to tie a noose around our neck to suffocate us

Our pains

Our sorrows

Our heartaches

Serves as interludes to our leaders

We plead and plead

We seek for better governance

But what we get is additional depressing icings and toppings to our depressed cakes

But Alas

We are becoming an urge they cannot contain anymore

We are sparking into flames

We will no longer be cowed

No

We are burning with higher desires

With a voice that is strong and a will to succeed

We will forge a new world indeed