POEM:

WHEN THE DUST SETTLES DOWN

FOR ANGOLA: A SONG OF A COWARD

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When the dust settles down and war cries cease
When irregular winds of
Messianic wars stop indefinitely
and our continent peace restoration hold
We will all go under a bigtree and
confer.
After sentimental tears are off our cheeks
we will breath heavily and then
calm down
We will send a pilgrimage to holy places
within our sacred shores.
We will go to Lumumba, Cabral and Nkrumah
tombs with ever lasting flowers
from Kilimanjaro Summit.
After all is done
we will summon our warriors
and give them an oath.
to promise us that what had
happened never never to happen
again

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