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SONG OF OUR TIME: I

Our days are uneventful and longer
  Without jobs here;
Our evenings are unwarming and murkier
  Without hope here;
Our nights get colder and lonelier
  Without food here;
Yet the flicker of hope we cling to
Is dashed by an uncertain tomorrow.

SONG OF OUR TIME: II

You,
  Warmly corsetted by plenty,
Are an alien to poverty
But we,
  Firmly embraced by want
Are bedfellows with hunger.
  And how can we sing Mamser's* tune
When our stomachs are so lituned
  To hunger's angry tone?

*Mamser is an acronym for Mass Mobilisation for Economic Recovery, Self-reliance, and Social Justice. It is a program sponsored by the Nigerian government. Its aim is to introduce a new social, political, and economic order in the country.