

I S H A Y A B A M A I Y I



*Beauty*

*Of*

**O F F E N C E**

PROSE POEM

**INTRODUCTION**

Greetings to you

I'm ISHAYA BAMAIYI

I'm a writer of both PROSE and  
POETRY

I'm very pleased and glad that you  
are about to read this Prose poem

“titled”

***BEAUTY OF OFFENCE***

We live in a world full of different kinds of people with their ideologies.

No matter how good, rich or influential you think you are, you will always need people to journey through life.

As a matter of fact, you are where you are presently because of people.

It is not possible for you to live life alone, you need people around you.

One of the inevitable things in life as we move and relate with people is called OFFENCE.

Offence is bound to happen due to our differences in ideologies or mindsets.

What you can't stop from coming, is to learn how to manage it.

Lack or poor management of offence has caused a lot of havocs to friendship, relationship etc.

There is need for us to know and understand how to manage offence so we can salvage our relationships.

I am not a profound life coach or any exceptional genius about life's issues, but I can assure you that there is at least something new for you to learn about this short piece of literature.

Is a Prose with some elements of poetry (Prose poem).

Happy reading, hope to hear from you soon.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I want to thank God for yet another opportunity to come up with this particular piece after the last one I released, CHILD OF AGONY.

I had good responses from many of you. Thank you.

Writing about life issues can really be difficult, for one tends to lack the right words to express situations but thank God for the privilege of finding words though may not be accurate but adequate.

I thank you too my followers and friends that have gone through my previous works and found it interesting.

**DEDICATION**

I dedicate this literature to my two friends, **Naomi Ene Sunday** and **Ibeimo Saboh**.

while we were serving (NYSC) in kebbi State, Nigeria, their one time conflict inspired me to write this literature.

I love you guys.

## BEAUTY OF OFFENCE

Many of life's offences are not due to deliberate reasons by either of the parties, but due to reasons that life itself permits to enable us straightened things up in our human relationship with one another.

Our attitudes and approaches towards offences are great factors to determine whether things get straightened up or get worse.



*MINDSET/IDEOLOGY*

We are born into different worlds of mindsets or ideologies. But as time goes on, life has a way of moving us into another people's world of ideology or to a neutral world where we meet with our different ideologies as strangers, that's the point where it is inevitable for us to coexist without relating to one another, and that's also where conflicts and offences arise due to our differences in ideologies or mindsets built up from where we came from.

I know is almost if not impossible for one to erase his/her mindset and take that of the other person for the sake of relationship.

But there is need for one to open his/her mind to other people's ideologies that are worth emulating, for where you are coming from is just a minute space of knowledge. There are greater things far beyond your ideology or mindset.

**GROUNDS FOR COEXISTING**

Two of the most powerful grounds for coexisting together, are the grounds of *Understanding and Sacrifice*.

Understand that you can't always have your way, that's where sacrifice comes in, and understand that you should not always be at the receiving ends. But before understanding comes between two or more people, what comes is largely offence due to bridge of mindsets.

**CHANNEL OF UNDERSTANDING**

Offence inasmuch as is not appreciated at the point of happening, but it has proven to be one of the best channels of understanding between two or more people.

Some people will never understand you no matter how you explain yourself, until offence comes and that's the point where understanding starts coming in and when the offence

is handled well, then understanding of one another comes because the offence granted understanding of boundaries, likes and the dislikes of the parties involved.

Your words never did the magic but your harsh reaction to the offence and the signal received by the other party did it.

**PROXIMITY**

Offence doesn't only come by close contact between people. Even from far one can get offended by the other person's way of life even when they have never spoken.

But as life brings them closer together, understanding comes when they finally found a level ground to relate.

*INEVITABILITY*

Offence in life is inevitable; we can't stop offences from coming. They come in almost if not all areas of life.

They come from our families, friends, loved ones and of course our enemies too.

Inasmuch as we can't stop offences from coming, but it is within our power to manage them, and how we manage them says a lot about us, where we came from and where we are going

Offence should be short-lived,  
for when it lingers it leads to  
bitterness and hatred



PERCEPTION

Offence is an emotion of perception, not of cause.

The cause of an offence is not as important as our perception about the situation.

It is our perceptions about things or people that get us offended not necessarily the cause of events.

For example.

*A man use to drop his car key on the table anytime he returns from work, but this faithful day that he returns from work and forgot to drop the key on the table but left it in his pocket.*

*The following morning when he was set to move to work, he walked to the table to pick his car key as usual but didn't see any key on the table, he started getting angry and asked, who took my car key from the table, everyone around didn't admit that he/she took the key. He became very angry because he perceived that someone in the house must have taken the key because there was no way that he didn't returned home with the key, until he was prompted within him to check the pocket*

*of the trouser he wore yesterday,  
and behold he found the key  
there.*

From the story above, the man was offended simply because of perception, he perceived that someone must have taken the key whereas no one did.

*TALK THINGS OUT*

When offended, try to talk things out and not rest on assumptions of what or why you think is the cause, for assumptions are not always true.

One of the hindrances of resolution of offence is ego from parties, the offender and the offended.

The offended feels he deserves an apology by the offender because he/she is the one offended, and that's what the society made us to believe is the right thing.

Now, to the offender, if the offended is junior, inferior or of low rank to him/her, he/she feels insulted to bring himself/herself down to apologize to the offended.

Whoever does the apology is not as important as restoring the relationship. For if you value human relationship, restoring it by any positive means is what you will do whether you are the offender or the offended.

Our progresses and achievements in life are built on the strength of relationship with people.

Let's see offence as a stepping stone to better relationship.

**FREE MIND**

Free mind, I'm sure is what almost everyone wants, but sincerely, want is not strong enough to get us free minds. The economists can relate well with the concept of want and it's inadequacy to get us to a destination.

Having a free mind absolutely depends on our responses to the inevitable (offence).

When offended and you refuse to let go, there is this an uncomfortable atmosphere that surrounds you the moment the

person that offends you shows up anywhere within the reach of your sight.

His/her presence keeps you unbalance and you become not yourself even in the midst of jubilation and merriment.

Your mind is free with people this moment and the next moment your mood changes just because you sighted your offender.

If the presence or sight of someone has the power to change your mood or countenance from good to bad, it simply means you are living in self bondage



and who is to be blamed, the offence or the offender? Permit me to say none of them, but your response to the offence and that therefore means you are the cause.

I know the pains of the offence will call for recompense, but let it go. Yes, you are hurt, but don't keep them in mind and remain blind to the fact that they may be walking freely while you remain deadly. Let it go.

You refuse to forgive; now you live in grief of your own happiness that you killed. Let it go.



You lose your sanity at the glance of their presence with intense pains within you for nobody could just eliminate them for you. Let it go. Please forgive and let it go with the embargo that stands between you two. Let it go.

You are responsible for your happiness, let go the sadness and embrace gladness. Let it go. Defence of innocence is ok, but you must know that the beauty of offence is forgiveness, not madness and rudeness even unto the defenseless. Let it go.

## THE ENEMY

The Holy Book says, the thief (devil) comes only to steal, kill and destroy and that we shouldn't be deceived by his schemes.

One of the schemes of the devil comes through offence to steal, kill and destroy our joy, peace of mind and relationships with people.

When we pray to God for anything that we want or need, God doesn't come down himself to meet us at the point of our needs, He uses people to answer our prayers and all these are built on the strength of relationship or absence of offence.

*CONCLUSION*

Let's learn to appreciate and value human relationship above anything that threatens the bond.

What is keeping us is greater than anything that will want to break us.

Forgive and set yourself free from the shackles of the evil one through the vehicle of offence.

Remember, the beauty of offence is forgiveness.

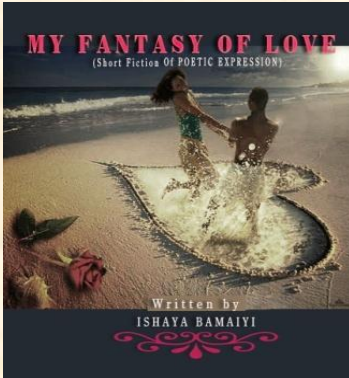
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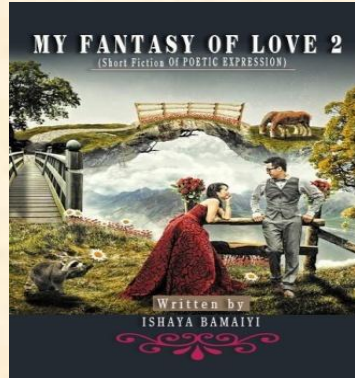
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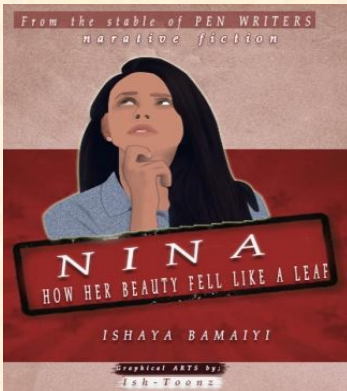
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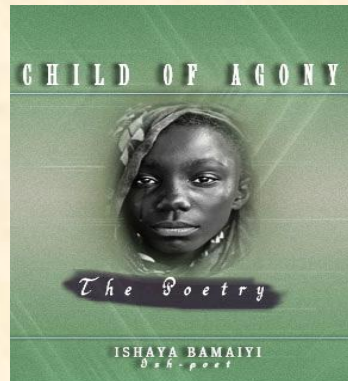
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