

## A POEM ON UNITING TO SAVE OUR ENVIRONMENT

### Thunderstorm in Kisumu

Listen!  
Listen to the frightening  
Horrible  
Deafening rumble  
Like some mighty  
Unidentified foreign object.  
He heaves and sighs,  
To announce its arrival  
And upheaval  
that scares the green city of lake Sango.  
The city  
Whose dazzling beauty  
Is noticed beyond  
Kiboswa hills.

Demonic and traumatizing  
It transcends from the west.  
Roaring like a wild lion!  
Full of curiosity,  
and lack of knowledge  
Of its harmful effects  
it engulfs us in its arms.  
We get entangled  
In his charm  
To conform to the developed world.  
Weak willed  
With an urge to experiment  
We are swept in this storm of modernity.  
The city planners and businessmen  
Succumb to its weight  
And force.  
The inhabitant of the city estates  
Succumb to its rhythm and might.  
Accompanied by noise,  
Disorganized Boda boda parks  
That robs us  
of our city's aesthetic beauty.  
And leaves us  
With dirty and unkempt  
Koile, and Taifa parks.  
Dirty waters of

Of river Nyamasaria  
Proudly strolls to  
the great lake.

As it gathers momentum,  
The pregnant clouds  
Get heavy and aggressive  
As the hot afternoon  
Turns gloomy,  
Dull and miserable  
To surrender to the storm  
And all its wings.  
Together we move  
In several effortless effort  
Whizzing like wild ghosts  
Ready to attack.  
But  
Meekly, we remain victims.

Pata! Pata! Pata! Pata!  
The storm breaks  
Into droplets  
It pours its fat droplets  
With fury and anger!  
To shower Kisumu city  
With showers of air pollution  
Driving raw sewage into  
The beautiful lake sango!  
That bursts  
Into numerous deaths of fish and cholera.  
The storm hits  
The city  
With unstable and careless behavior  
Of the black hearted residents  
Who bother not to care  
About environment.

The storm subsides  
With chilly drought  
And this,  
Awakens the human kind.  
We assess and get sensitized  
To the harmful effects  
Of this storm of environmental degradation.

As we assess the damage  
Rained by the storm,  
we join hands together  
to promote awareness  
to Combat Climate Change  
to make our environment pollution free  
We condemn this storm!  
We encourage  
And educate personal development  
We unite as  
A Task force  
To drive away this storm.  
To stop it from  
Enslaving us!  
With poverty, hunger and disease.  
For we have a choice,  
To enjoy a clean environment.

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