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## Ariyo A Rasheed Adebayo: Two Poems

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### SARSAPARILLA

There are fairytales being told under the night's moonlight.  
 Tales as bright as a lone star in the very heart of darkness,  
 Like the root of sars that struck 9ja like a stray thunder.  
 Roots as deep but of sweet fragrances that lures its prey-  
 to having a sour drink from the poison of its cruel nectar.

There are stories of men like wild flowers you cannot see-  
 without having the fear of losing your ability to breathe.  
 So, what good is an odorous plant when you cannot live-  
 to tell the sweet tale of its scent as you ended up with sars.  
 The doctor said it is a severe acute respiratory syndrome.

There can be a thousand and more ferocious beasts-  
 in the heart of the jungle and we even wouldn't break a sweat.  
 But a single wild animal out in the open and on our streets-  
 must be gagged and drag by its horns to the slaughter house,  
 Like that other family of covid that I know from the medicals.

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### WE ARE WAY TOO YOUNG

We are way too young  
 To face the pain of broken dreams  
 That breaks too many things  
 Like the future in its wake

We are way too young  
 To see our hope grow wings and fly  
 Leaving behind our battered spirit  
 Like its a thing to be discarded

We are way too young  
 To tell our stories in dark places  
 Places that had lost its sacredness

To the darkness of our souls

We are way too young  
To have our bodies covered in scars  
That looks like world map  
Leading to a hidden treasure

We are way too young  
To listen to the sound of gunshots  
For nothing good comes from war  
Than pile of dead bodies to enrich the soil

We are way too young  
To feel the weight of hashtag  
That looks like casket  
Buried on every man's wall

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