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## Ude Ugo Anna: Three Poems

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### One and a million trenches

The world's swiss cheese  
– porous, stinky.  
Let's play hopscotch  
on these graves;  
one and a million trenches.

Hop. Uwa.  
Stride. Tina.  
Hop. Stop. Floyd.  
Hop. Some person.  
One foot. Wait, who?  
Hop. You?

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### Muffles

Ixora.  
No, honeysuckle  
Sunflowers are left to wilt on haircrowns.  
Thorns are useless until it's time to speak of pain.

You're not some rose to be trampled on  
by lovers on their march to sweet bliss.  
Scratch hibiscus from your bio.  
If they milk and drink you, turn poison.  
You're no frigging herb.

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### Yelga

Not all wombs are foetus-shaped.  
Oyinma,  
bury your chisel and stop carving.

If what you have is 'irregular,'  
fill it with roses, pages and tea.  
Wombs are wombs for everything  
and anything.

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