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"It shrills and shrills
he who has strived has not lost
but has not yet won
slow absurd and cruel
the African train . . ."
Agostinho Neto, "African Train"

"0 sleeping one, you failed to understand;
o sleeping one, when shall you know,
And proceed in the right path?"

A Somali Song: Quoted from
J. Johnson: HEELOOLY

Jackals are howling,
Owls shrieking,
bats beating the air.

Eerie atmosphere
Pervading everywhere.

The sheep running double spatter
Drover gone mad!
Drover gone mad!

All the fiends of hell
Let loose upon Africa.
Speeches inane tossed around
Deluded ones applauding
the conscientious gagged.
Inanity.
The masses die.

Search and rescue
missions are afloat.
Sound the clarion call,
forward the brilliant light.