

UCLA

Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies

Title

Discordant Tunes

Permalink

<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/8q58z3qj>

Journal

Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies, 13(2-3)

ISSN

0041-5715

Author

Nwoga, Ezi-Nwanyi Patricia

Publication Date

1984

DOI

10.5070/F7132-3017110

Copyright Information

Copyright 1984 by the author(s). All rights reserved unless otherwise indicated. Contact the author(s) for any necessary permissions. Learn more at <https://escholarship.org/terms>

Peer reviewed

DISCORDANT TUNES

by

Ezi-Nwanyi Patricia Nwoga

The long night is falling,
Slowly and surely as an oiled shutter.
Smiles manipulate the pulley of life;
Stifling,
Suffocating
Heartbeats into an obscene patter.
Anklets of ivory
Have become plastic
As men dance to a discordant tune.

Can we die living ?
Or must we live
dying ?