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## THREE POEMS

by Cornelius Adedze

## OUR SONG

The song I sing,  
 Sad ones  
 Happy ones  
 Melodious ones  
 Cacophonous ones  
     Bad ones  
     Good ones  
 Are our songs.

The songs we write  
 On our eyes,  
 On our natural souls,  
 On our tongues  
 In our noses  
 In our ears,  
 The songs we  
 Play on our fingers  
 We hear me sing.

## SHADOWS

I walk in your shadows  
 You turn and encourage me  
     You pat me  
     You hug me  
 All in your shadows,  
 I do not even  
     See you  
     My mentor  
 I am not even seen,  
     Nor heard  
 Your shadows hide me  
 Your shadows blind me  
 Your shadows blind me  
     I do not see you  
     I do not see my way

Yet you pat me  
You hug me  
All in your shadows  
    Because  
I walk in your shadows

### BARRIERS

I call out  
To my brother  
I call out  
To my sister  
It is all echoes,  
    The call come,  
    Come back to me  
    In my own voice,  
    Unanswered.  
For we have  
    Built walls,  
    Wall around  
    Our hearts  
    Our ears  
Walls not to feel  
Walls not to hear.