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## The Poetic Beauty of Resistance

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Monsour Owolabi, "The Poetic Beauty of Resistance"

The strength you see behind these eyes doesn't reveal

THE REAL—

The constantly imbedded ills,

Witnessed behind the steel.

The curiosity you see in these eyes

Is only due to their daily search for truth.

The darkness around them reveals fatigue,

Tired of the injustice which they've seen.

If you look at these pupils closely,

You'll see the aggression that warns,

"Careful how you approach me."

Average minds can only surmise

What these eyes have witnessed:

Torturous rapes and murders,

Sensory deprivation, forced starvation.

Pro-imperialist goons act with no moral inclinations.

The fire you see in this vision is the righteous anger

Of a victim who is imprisoned.

Years of solitary have made outward emotion nonexistent.

For the rest of life, the "i" behind these eyes will remain socially distant.

Smiles are rare and inconsistent.

Among the evils there's only one thing persistent;

That is, the Warrior spirit, which is exhibited.

That spirit is the Poetic Beauty of the Resistant.

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