

QUEEN CORONA: BLUSH AND BLISS

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Queen indeed and nomenclature
Queen dis-ease blushing creature
Array like kings, and reformers from East
Unlike HIV, Ebola, death subjects to East-er
Novo Virus who ancient practices destroy
Schools, industries, fraternities to restore
Rome, Mecca, UK, to Ghana States lockdown
Cities, countries, rich, poor families bow down

New Vocabularies, social relations at distance
Weddings, funerals, worships at thou instance
Nose mask, hand sanitizers new fashion
Jews, Christians, Moslems united ablution
Queen Covid-19 days we county home stay
Our Shepherds and Government neither stray
You twist and turn falsehood over Trump twitter
Customs and traditional formations you scatter

Oh Queen! who new World order change
Miracles, Google, Amazon protocol change
On this mountain the Christ to Samaritan say
No worshipper in spirit and truth as Odyssey
Prophets, Mystics, and Scientists unite intention
Olympic, NBA, and championships on suspension
You may stumble and tumble our centre of gravity
But our immunity and security is our one humanity

We'll praise the Vaccine not thee oh clown
Thou Martyrs in bliss wear halo crown
Your gruesome, gory, and taunts lack celebrations
Even s you deny our Christmas Easter celebrations
Thou that came with uncertainty's confusion
Will exit certainly with global joyful jubilation
Your reign twinge of blushful disappointment
While we twiddle await your blissful disarmament.

THE POEM ANALYSIS:

This poem written by Fr. Christopher Ojeaga (April 20, 2020) at St. Albert the Great Major Seminary, Abeokuta, Nigeria, during the global and national lockdown due to the pandemic caused by the Coronavirus 2019 (Covid-19). The poem explores the sentiments and feelings of all and sundry as we grapple with uncertainties and hope against all odds. As Christians and priests, it is our divine mission to rekindle hope in all circumstances because of our common belief that goodness would ultimately triumph over evil in the final analysis.

The poem surveys the origin, development and projectile dissolution of the deadly virus. Faith believes in things not yet seen. Although there is no known vaccine at the moment, this poem anticipates the victory of humanity over “Queen Corona.” The main theme is hope and faith in science and prophecies. My expectation is that the reign of Joe Biden will joyfully bid Queen Corona farewell as we await Pfizer, Moderna, and other pharmaceutical companies to unveil their Covid-19 vaccines.

The poem is an Ode written in free versification but with metrical pattern and Stanzas, using End Rhyme of “AABB” rhyming lines, words, and sounds. Other literary devices used to convey the sentiments, emotions, ideas and beliefs include: Personification, oxymoron, alliteration, simile, imagery, assonance, metaphor, symbolism, Apostrophe, etc.

Personification: Giving human quality to non-human beings and things as in “Your reign, your martyrs...”

Oxymoron: A figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction e.g. Queen Corona

Alliteration: The repetition of consonant sounds in the same line such as /th/ in “thou that came with uncertainty”

Simile: A figure of speech for comparing something with something else e.g. “likes the kings and (religious) reformers from the East.”

Imagery: helps to visualize feelings, emotions and ideas e.g.

“Ebola, HIV, even death itself were subjects to Easter” the day or imagery for resurrection and salvation.

Assonance: The repetition of same vowel sounds in the same line such as /Am/in “stumble and tumble.”

Metaphor: Used for comparing things without the use of like/as e.g. calling Covid-19 “thee, oh clown,” the jester, the joker, and the entertainer of the 21st century who exposed human frailty and disillusionment, amidst blue-chip medical technologies. .

Apostrophe: is a literary device for calling somebody from afar. E.g. “novo virus who ancient practices destroy.”

Enjambment: The continuations of a sentence without a pause from one line to the next in a stanza such as “you may stumble... But our immunity...”

Symbolism: Using symbols to signify ideas and qualities with symbolic meaning, e.g. “East” for Asian continent, Easter for Resurrection, and “Trump twitter” for the inconsistency and bewilderment of President Donald Trump in the face of “Chinese virus”.