

## Two Poems by Titi Obanure (Ms.)

## SONG OF OUR TIME: I

Our days are uneventful and longer  
 Without jobs here;  
 Our evenings are unwarming and murkier  
 Without hope here;  
 Our nights get colder and lonelier  
 Without food here;  
 Yet the flicker of hope we cling to  
 Is dashed by an uncertain tomorrow.

## SONG OF OUR TIME: II

You,  
 Warmly cosseted by plenty,  
 Are an alien to poverty  
 But we,  
 Firmly embraced by want  
 Are bedfellows with hunger.  
 And how can we sing Mamser's\* tune  
 When our stomachs are so ltuned  
 To hunger's angry tone?

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\*Mamser is an acronym for Mass Mobilisation for Economic Recovery, Self-reliance, and Social Justice. It is a program sponsored by the Nigerian government. Its aim is to introduce a new social, political, and economic order in the country