

DELAYED RESPONSE

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Kenya has risen,  
say crushed.  
The Fools, will they ever learn?

Kenya has awoken,  
the dream is broken.

Down to the dust of mutilated mirrors  
reflecting the knife-edged light  
of a bloodstained sun  
trembling through the bullet broken windows  
of a student packed bus...,  
this multifarious mood  
of a dawn long delayed,  
now silent and bleeding,  
is hope again betrayed.

The dream is broken.

Like sated hyenas  
teeth and chests bared  
full of bullets and bandoliers,  
the peers of power have pierced  
into hearts unarmed and unbled,  
searching each shadow for enemies  
of the sanctity of the state.

Kenya has awoken.

The dream has been devoured  
by the ungratified fires  
of disfigured desires  
fanned by the angry breath  
of the People.

Kenya has risen,  
say crushed.