

## STRANGE BISHOP

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like blood in bones  
or food digested  
vomits come after aeons  
hence in africa  
a nationalist  
may be a bishop

## MASSA'S VISION

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the harmattan vanished  
egrets  
sailed down gently majesty  
before the calm  
repeated tales  
of  
funerals of chiefs  
they died for their clans  
when matchets  
had no tales left  
bloodied heads speak to  
winds rushing around catafalques  
left by man at stonetime buried  
after-agonies of  
STORMS  
the living:  
present knowledge permits vision  
only of egrets  
white on green grass  
beauty sharp mistclean