

My Dear Pot

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A poem

My Dear Pot (Ìkòkò Mi Ọwón)

Oh! Dear Pot

Ah! Ìkòkò mi ọwón

See how beautifully made you are

Wòó bí o ti léwà tó

Really, the potter spent a lot of time on you

Amòkòkò gbìyànjú lórú rẹ o

He must have exhausted his long acquired
skill on you

Ó parí ọ́sẹ̀.ewà sí ọ́ lára, Tẹ̀gàn ni hẹ̀

Could you please, carry me to the village?

Dákun jòwó gbé mi lọ sábulé

My dear water!

Omiù mi ọwón!

Your request is difficult for me

Ohun tí o bèrè kanpá fún mi o

You talked of my beauty

O ọ́ nípa.ewà mi

You know this task could wear me out

O mò pé ọ́sẹ̀ yí le jé kí ó rẹ mí

It could impair my admiration of the village

Ó lè pa ifẹ̀ràn mi ní abúlé lára o

Oh! my Dear pot

Ah! Ìkòkò mi ọwón

See how beautifully you talk of your beauty

Wòó bí o.se sòrò dáadáa nípa.ewà rẹ

Sure the potter created you to work

Amòkòkò dá ọ́ fún ọ́sẹ̀ ni o

He must have seen the needs to be met

Ó mò dájú pé ọ́sẹ̀ wà fún ọ́ láti.se

And not just to be admired at the village

Kò dá ọ́ fún wíwò.ewà lásán lábulé

Dear water!

Omi mi ọwón!

Your words are difficult to bear

Ọ̀rò rẹ̀ sòro láti gbámóra

You talked of my need to work

O ọ́ nípa inílò fún mi láti.se ọ́sẹ̀

You know of my beauty and my frailness

O sì mò pé.ewà mi gbegé

Its weight could weary my journey to the
village

Ìwọ̀n rẹ̀ lè dá mi lágara lònà abúlé

Oh! Dear pot

Ah! Ìkòkò mi ọwón

See how you fearfully talked of your frailness

Wòó bí o.se fìbèrùbojo sòrò nípa àìlèràà rẹ

Sure the potter knows the source of your
strength

Ó dájú Amòkòkò mò orísun okun rẹ

He knows it comes from this task you despise

Ó mò pé in isé tí o yepere yìí ló wà

You will be strengthened on your way to the village

Okun yóò wà fún o lónà rẹ sí abúlé

Dear water!

Omi mi òwón!

Your words seem to shield my pride

Òrò rẹ dáàbò bo ìgbéraga mi o

You talked of strength in the task

O sọ nípa okun nínú isé nàà

You know the dangers that lie beneath it

O sì mọ ewu tó wà lábẹ rẹ o

I could break on my journey to the village

Mo lè fǒ lóri ìrìnàjò mi sí abúlé

Oh! Dear pot

Ah! Ìkòkò mi òwón!

See how you talk of task like it's a curse

Wóó bí o ti sòrò isé bíi pé ègún ni

Sure the potter knows how frail you are

Amòkòkò mò bí o, se lókun

He knows that the task will protect your beauty

Ó mò pé isé yóò dáàbò bo, ewà rẹ

Protection of your beauty is sure on your journey to the village

Àbò ewà rẹ dájú lóri ìrìnàjò rẹ sí abúlé

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