



(Over 100 poems)

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This book of Cushite Haiku was inspired by deep love and dedication despite the torture and solitary confinement I experienced at the time of its writing. It is hoped that each kaihū will give the reader pause, to contemplate the intended message and many times multiple meanings interwoven in each short poem. A challenge to the mind and lifting of the weight that boggles the mind when when writers explain too much. My confidence is in you the reader. ENJOY.  
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## **THANK YOU**

I thank Allah for giving me the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding to write these Haikus.

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## INTRODUCTION

Haiku is a form of poetry which can transcend language limitations and machine-like thinking. Meaningful Haikus can only be created with deep contemplation. This type of poetic expression is a mental type of photograph, capturing images in a unique way. Usually, Haiku poetry has 3 lines and 17 syllables distributed as 5, 7 and 5.

When a person has creative talent in his soul, it cannot and must not be held inside. It begs to be shared with the world. A creator must feel and then release each line from within, thus pouring out his innermost thoughts. Dr. Q.A. Cush, in his Haiku poetry book entitled "Cushite Haikus" has brought out his best in this extensive compilation of literary creations.

In reading and absorbing each Haiku in this book, the reader becomes enmeshed in the lines, absorbing each work of art. Take a trip throughout "Cushite Haikus" and become a part of the unique world of Dr. Q.A. Cush.

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## APOLLO

*My mind is a poem -  
Poetry pumps through our hearts -  
Hear the blood rhyming?*

## NEW SYSTEM IN LIFE

*Life everlasting -  
Last to accept Jah's blessings -  
Bles'sed are the Black.*

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*(\* A life as your wife,  
Husbanding her all your years,  
The divorce is death.*

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*How precious is Life -  
Cherished 'till death do us part -  
Or eternal life.*

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*\* (This is a variation of the other)*

*A life to be wife -  
Husbanding her each day,-- night,...--  
The divorce is death.*

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*Living as one life -  
I'm a single cell splitting -  
We are amoeba.*

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*Give the gift of life -  
Love the makers of your life -  
We are all one life.*

## LIFE

*Life to you is what -  
Whatever you make of it -  
It's everything.*

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*She's what I call Life  
Always existing, changing,  
Giving and taking.*

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*Life is amazing -  
Do you wonder if she's real -  
Death can convince you.*

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*Life is over here,  
Death is anyplace between,  
God's in both places.*

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*I'm in love with Life -  
God's gift to all creation,  
Universally.*

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*Life to you is who -  
Whoever you see in her -  
She's everyone.*

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*She's who we call Life -  
Always existing, changing,  
Giving and taking.*

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AYOLUWA JENDAYI ASHA

*GIVE THANKS of mortals -  
GOD'S WAY IS THE ONLY WAY -  
LIFE could have been death.*

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*No life without death -  
I need life like you need breath -  
The two are the same.*

## MAN

Maker of all things -  
Angel and the avenger -  
Nature's only God.

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*He is supreme mind,  
Over this mass of matter,  
God - body and soul.*

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*Energy to move -  
Power to build or destroy -  
Man's will to project.*

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*Arm, leg, leg, arm, head -  
Atomic turned into mass -  
Making all nature.*

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*Sun in one o'clock  
Galaxy at six-thirty  
Universe on twelve.*

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*Gray is only part;  
The rod to impart new life;  
He is much deeper.*

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*Galaxy in skull -  
Pulsar floating between ribs -  
Atoms in the sac.*

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*First there was atom -  
Celling to become many,  
For eternity.*

## WOMAN

*Wake up sleeping Oooonnne  
Mantra in life for us Aaaaalll  
Nervana in you.*

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*New world Baby girl -  
Spice of life between your times -  
Black to earth again.*

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*Daughter in water -  
Sister to mother on land -  
Goddess over space.*

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*Moonchild earthly bound -  
Springwater between your seams -  
Precious ores your core.*

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*Woe to the lone man  
Without a woman, as wife,  
Bound to him for life.*

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*Leader at the dawn -  
Partner in the heated noon -  
Flower at night.*

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*Lead her in the dawn,  
Part of her during high noon -  
Flow with her overnight.*

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*Heaven's gate to life -  
Space beyond for our pleasure -  
New God's silk cocoon.*

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*New womb at new moon -  
Moonbeams relining your walls -  
Silk nest for the egg.*



## CHILDREN

*Oh beautiful One -  
More than the blending of Two -  
Showing God in Three.*

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*Seed swimming upstream  
Strikes an egg and becomes yoked;  
A child emerges.*

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*Making a baby -  
A fusion like H two O -  
New life from two lives.*

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*Fruit falls to ground, -  
Roots shoot out, green sprout springs up, -  
Bearing its own fruit.*

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*Watch children at play -  
See their nature unfolding -  
Sight and sound resound.*

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*Raise them and praise them -  
Life can be a daunting race -  
Head start is the key.*

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*God's light in their eyes -  
Their smiles spread like angels' wings -  
A child's perfection.*

## ABANDONMENT

*Childhood spent dreaming -  
Dreams of a father (mother) not seen -  
See God's child crying.*

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*Waking up with fright -  
Frightful sight, man walking by -  
Bye-bye dear daddy.*

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*Unable to walk,  
Pleading with uplifted arms,  
Daddy (Mommy) don't leave us.*

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*Unable to talk  
Begging with large, tear filled, eyes  
We need you, please stay.*

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*A bass in its place,  
Placating the viola,  
Violins don't whine.*

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*The village raised her (him) -  
Hers (His) was a childhood of love -  
Loving knows no bounds.*

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*Distended belly -  
Blanket of flies your clothing -  
Prayer didn't work.*

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## HAIKUS FOR A.M.A.A.

*The Old Ones lived lives,  
Living freely in all life -  
Existing 'till now.*

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*The Ancient One's mind -  
One Black mind universal -  
United in us.*

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*Old One, blazing sun /  
Sunlight reflecting on moon -  
Moon shines 'till sunrise.*

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*Ancient One's struggles -  
Struggle for supremacy -  
Supreme one for right.*

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*The Ancient Ones build -  
Building for today's children;  
Tomorrow's will come.*

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*Love the Ancient One -  
One's own self, self-created -  
Creation as Man.*

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Note: Dedicated to Azim Malam Abdul Ali.

## FRIENDSHIP HAIKUS

*In times of darkness,  
The light bearer bringing strength  
Goes by the name Friend.*

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*In times of peril,  
The one preserving your life  
Is your lifelong friend.*

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*See the friend in need,  
Reach out in every way  
To meet the friend's need.*

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*Friendship can't be bought,  
Except with equal friendship,  
Friendship is priceless.*

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*Jesus was a friend,  
To all he gave reflection;  
To Judas he could not.*

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*Angels come and go -  
With a message, good or bad -  
Friends accept the note.*

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*When friends seem to leave,  
It's only for a brief time,  
Friends aren't left behind.*

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*Lost friendship is bad, -  
Badly needing one is sad, -  
Hell has no real friends.*

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*Balancing friendship -  
Isn't too hard, as equals -  
Love equals love once.*

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*Oh friend, Muhammad -  
They see only wool and run,  
From the little lamb.*

## MOONGAZER

*Moongazing in dreams -  
Be careful how you watch her -  
She traps romantics.*

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*Lantern in the sky -  
Frosted by misty blue ice -  
Magic's in the air.*

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*Mystical aura -  
Mist transforming the night, blue -  
Lovers moonbathing.*

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*Powdered blue softness -  
A dusty moon glides aloft -  
Dampening the night.*

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*Sky, blue in the night -  
No optical illusion -  
Misty Blue, sounds right.*

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*Shadowed moon at night,  
Casting its iridescence;  
Lobo's light to hunt.*

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*The Ramadan moon -  
Old made new by a Black Star -  
In the palest hour.*

## SLAVE CAMP / PRISON CAMP

*Thirteenth Amendment -  
Oh, chattel imprisonment -  
Exceptions to rules.*

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*Thirteenth Illusion -  
Acception of slavery -  
Chattel prisoners.*

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*Passive slavery  
Insult to our ancestry  
Give the gift of death.*

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*You the unalike -  
Nation, loving bars and stripes -  
Fake stars in blue sky.*

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*Don't say you can see -  
Executioner's hood blinds -  
Cowards way to kill.*

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*How can it be blind -  
Why are the scales unbalanced -  
U.S.A. justice.*

## REVELATIONS 9/11 & 10/11

*Terrorizing all -  
The terror you felt was small -  
It was your shadow.*

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*A bold scavenger -  
The beguiling Bald Eagle -  
Preys on weak or dead.*

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*Aircraft carriers -  
Carrying your harriers -  
See, sickness abounds.*

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*Chickens home to roost... -  
Camels found the oasis...-  
History repeats...*

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*The terrorist spawn,  
Feeding on and breeding on  
Pork barrel warfare.*

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*A Vixxon matrix -  
Anthrax, executioner -  
Made In U.S.A.*

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*You xenophobic  
Made Third World your terror-zone  
Game's now in your home.*

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# MOSAIC OF HAIKUS

## GOD / GODDESS

*Immortality -  
To be in everything -  
Alive and changing*

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## KUSH / APOLLO

*Black smoke rising up /  
Inextinguishable fires  
Are never contained.*

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## RELIGION - vs - YOUR WILL

*Seeking a master  
You'll lose the essence of you;  
Be yourself - Saviour.*

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## STOLEN LEGACY

*White chalk on blackboard -  
Erasable history -  
Xenophobia.*

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*White line on the ground -  
Contrast, till the shadows pass -  
Or the lights go out.*

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## LIBERATION

*My wings spread to fly  
If they burn as I take off  
You'll see a comet.*

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## LIFE / DEATH SENTENCE

*Life here is slow death -  
Escape here to life out there -  
I've been both places.*

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## SNITCHES

*The strange jungle scene -  
Tigers hiding from the rats -  
Go poison our tracks.*

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## ARGUMENT

*The sword cut deeply  
And the heart stopped its beating;  
Words can be potent.*

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## AVENGING SWORD

*Fire so hot it's cold -  
Cold so deep it burns the soul -  
Soul so dense it's steel.*

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## RA

*Heat, that warms marrow -  
Magnetism, that holds all -  
Light, seen for eons.*

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## THUNDER STORM

*Lightning with dark screen -  
Zig zag lights, water airlight -  
Drum rolls of thunder.*

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## SEQUOIA

*Leap to the heavens -  
Your green head brushing the sky -  
Roots in history.*

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## PITBULL TERRIER

*The pit and the bull -  
Velvet and steel comes to life -  
Dead game 'till the end.*

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## PALM HORSE

*Sky, purple and bruised,  
Dawn after your mushroom cloud,  
Proves you're no hue man.*

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## BLACKBERRY JUICE

*Sweet Blackberry fruit  
Your juice is my sustenance -  
Every black drop.*

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## CHOCOLATE NUT SWIRL

*I touch to your back  
You reach far into my front  
Melding in passion.*

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## SACRIFICIAL LOVE

*Don't have fear of love -  
Loving sometimes kills the hate, -  
Haters must find love.*

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## UNDEFEATED

*Never count me out -  
Outside I still have some hope -  
Hopelessness means death.*

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## REVERSE WORLD

*Watching time fly by -  
Bystanders to the real world -  
Worldwise we're ghost men.*

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## ONE

*Allah is one God  
Do not fear our Father's touch  
Let him embrace you.*

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*Don't leave me alone -  
Loneliness can break a heart -  
Heartache is painful.*

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*Lone star, cold but bright -  
Brighter when two share the night -  
Nightchills when alone.*

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*Light the way to love -  
Loving leaves no space between -  
Two who are in love.*

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*I see me in Life -  
Living with all life in me -  
Meeting our Maker.*

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