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Poems
The First Woman in my Life

A woman’s work is never done
If you don’t believe me ask my mum
She worked her fingers to the bone
To provide us with a decent home
If she lived in Ancient Rome
She could of built that city on her own
She cooks, she cleans
She does everything
She irons decorates and does the shopping
She chastised us when we were rude
But never sent us to bed with out food
Everyday she would change our clothes
If we had colds she would wipe our nose
Or if we went to mum with a problem
Mum would always help us solve them
We didn’t want for anything
We got the greatest gift mum’s loving
You can have ten aunties and scores of lovers
But remember you only have one mother
I remember when someone pointed the finger
Mum said I was Black, beautiful and I had a culture

She always made sure we went to school
Because in this life you can’t be a fool
You see people will ride you like a mule
It was mum who taught me to be cool

So mother there’s something I want you to know
I love you mum, I love you so
You taught me to survive in the ghetto
You can have my last ROLO

If it was not for you then I would not exist
So here it comes for you a kiss
Yes you was the first woman in my life
But one day I will take a wife
Then hopefully she’ll become a mum
A woman’s work is never done.

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Drawings by Paul Millard
This is our mother called EARTH
She is fertile,
Conceives and gives birth.
Now when humans came along
They treated her wrong,
Because they did not know her true worth.

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Ozone Friendly Poem

It won’t damage the EARTH, or pollute the sea  
It won’t psych your mind, neither poison your body  
These words have power when used properly.  
Because  
This poem is OZONE FRIENDLY.

Words can be creative  
words can sound great  
we can use words to instruct  
and to communicate,  
these words are not destructive violating a tree.  
Because  
This poem is OZONE FRIENDLY.

My words take shape they are organised  
they won’t burn the EARTH’s skin like pesticides  
they’re not manufactured using CFCs.  
Because  
This poem is OZONE FRIENDLY.

Digest these words  
feel positive  
don’t panic, get stressed they’re free from additives,  
you won’t regurgitate them like smoke from a factory.  
Because  
This poem is OZONE FRIENDLY.